

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING
DISABILITY AND AGING COMMUNITY LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
TRANSCRIPT
NOVEMBER 16, 2021

14:02:51 >> GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY.

14:02:54 WELCOME TO THE THIRD DISABILITY AND AGING

14:02:57 COMMUNITY LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14:03:00 MEETING OF 2021.

14:03:03 JUST A COUPLE OF LOGISTICS REMINDERS

14:03:04 BEFORE WE DIVE IN.

14:03:07 WE'RE STILL MEETING IN THE VIRTUAL SPACE,

14:03:09 SO THIS MEETING IS AVAILABLE BY

14:03:11 SMARTPHONE, TABLET, COMPUTER OR YOU CAN

14:03:13 DIAL IN ON YOUR TELEPHONE USING THE NUMBER

14:03:16 AND MEETING I.D. ON YOUR SCREEN.

14:03:19 LIVE CAPTIONING AS WELL AS AMERICAN SIGN

14:03:20 LANGUAGE IS AVAILABLE.

14:03:22 OUR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER JESSIE

14:03:24 SHOULD BE ON YOUR SCREEN AND YOU CAN

14:03:27 ENABLE CLOSED CAPTIONING BY SELECTING THE

14:03:30 LIVE TRANSCRIPT ICON ON YOUR ZOOM TOOL

14:03:30 BAR.

14:03:32 THE RECORDING SLIDE AND TRANSCRIPTS WILL

14:03:35 BE POSTED TO THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND

14:03:38 HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY LIVING WEB PAGE.

14:03:40 I THINK SOME OF THAT CONTENT IS AVAILABLE
14:03:47 NOW AND SURELY THE RECORDING WILL FOLLOW.
14:03:50 WE ARE SAVING AMPLE TIME FOR PUBLIC
14:03:50 COMMENT.
14:03:52 I THINK THERE ARE THREE PUBLIC COMMENT
14:03:54 PERIODS BUILT INTO TODAY'S AGENDA.
14:03:57 ATTENDEES JOINING BY WEBINAR USING THE
14:04:00 COMPUTER CAN USE THE Q&A FUNCTION TO ASK A
14:04:03 QUESTION OR CLICK THE RAISE HAND ICON TO
14:04:05 JOIN THE QUEUE AND WE WILL UNMUTE YOUR
14:04:05 LINE.
14:04:08 IF YOU'RE JOINING US BY PHONE, YOU CAN
14:04:10 PRESS POUND 9 ON YOUR DIAL PAD TO RAISE
14:04:13 YOUR HAND AND I WILL ANNOUNCE LAST FOUR
14:04:16 DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND WE'LL
14:04:19 UNMUTE YOUR LINE FOR COMMENTS.
14:04:23 AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO PASS IT OFF TO
14:04:26 DARCI TO GIVE US AN UPDATE FROM THE
14:04:28 CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
14:04:28 AGENCY.
14:04:30 >> THANKS, MARIYA SO MUCH.
14:04:32 REALLY EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY AND
14:04:39 EXCITED TO INTRODUCE SECRETARY MARK GHALY
14:04:40 WHO WILL BE PROVIDING US WITH A WELCOME
14:04:41 AND OPENING STATEMENTS.
14:04:43 I SEE THAT YOU ARE ONLINE.
14:04:46 IF YOU WANT TO TAKE YOURSELF OFF MUTE AND
14:04:49 PROVIDE THE OPENING, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
14:04:52 >> THANKS, DARCI, AND THANKS ALL.

14:04:55 GREAT TO SEE FACES THAT I CAN SEE ON MY
14:04:57 SCREEN SHOT KNOWING THAT THERE'S NEARLY
14:04:58 100 PARTICIPANTS.
14:05:01 TERRIFIC TO BE WITH EVERYBODY.
14:05:04 I HAVE TO SAY TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE
14:05:07 WORKING THROUGH A PANDEMIC AND YOU'RE
14:05:11 IMPLEMENTING EXCITING BUDGET PLANS AND NEW
14:05:14 PROGRAMS AND PROPOSALS, BUT I CAN'T
14:05:18 BELIEVE IT'S NEARLY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE
14:05:22 REALLY CELEBRATED MANY, MANY MONTHS, YEARS
14:05:24 LONG COMMITMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR
14:05:28 AGING WITH SO MANY OF YOU AND
14:05:30 RECONFIGURATION OF OUR WORK GROUPS.
14:05:36 AND THIS COMMITTEE COMING TOGETHER.
14:05:38 I THINK WE'VE HAD SO MUCH THAT HAS
14:05:40 HAPPENED THAT IS TERRIFIC AND WE'RE MOVING
14:05:43 INTO ANOTHER PHASE WHERE THE EXCITEMENT
14:05:45 CONTINUES NOT JUST ON WHAT LIES AHEAD, BUT
14:05:48 HOW WE TAKE THE SUCCESSES FROM THE LAST
14:05:52 YEAR AND TWO YEARS AND REALLY MEMORIALIZE
14:05:54 THEM INTO IMPACTING PEOPLES LIVES.
14:05:58 I THINK TODAY IS ANOTHER CONVERSATION
14:06:02 AROUND THE IMPORTANCE OF HOUSING AND THE
14:06:05 CHALLENGES THAT FACE SENIORS AND PEOPLE
14:06:08 WITH DISABILITIES THAT WE REALLY HAVE MADE
14:06:12 AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT IN TO
14:06:14 REALLY CHANGE THE ART OF THE LIVES OF THE
14:06:17 PEOPLE WE'RE TRYING TO SERVE.
14:06:19 I ALSO JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND

14:06:22 THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEARING WITH THE

14:06:22 AGENCY.

14:06:28 WE'VE HAD QUITE A FEW IMPORTANT CHANGES

14:06:30 THAT IMPACT THE WORK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

14:06:30 TODAY.

14:06:33 FIRST I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT OF

14:06:37 PUBLIC THANKS TO KIM McCOY WADE WHO WAS

14:06:40 JUST AN INSPIRATION AND SUCH A LEADER AND

14:06:42 SOMEBODY WHO I FEEL VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE

14:06:46 HAD A CHANCE TO WORK ARM IN ARM IN AGENCY

14:06:49 WITH ON ISSUES AROUND THE MASTER PLAN, BUT

14:06:51 REALLY FROM SO MANY IMPORTANT AREAS THAT

14:06:55 CAME UP DURING THE PANDEMIC AND HER MOVING

14:06:57 INTO ANOTHER ROLE IN STATE GOVERNMENT

14:07:00 LEADING AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

14:07:02 I THINK IT'S TREMENDOUS WHAT SHE HAS DONE

14:07:04 AND WHAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO.

14:07:07 AND AS MANY OF YOU HEARD ME SAY, THE

14:07:09 MINUTE KIM SHARED WITH ME HER INTENT AND

14:07:13 MOVE TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, I

14:07:15 QUICKLY -- IT WAS ALMOST A REFLEX.

14:07:21 I SAID SUSAN DEMAROIS, WE NEED TO CALL

14:07:24 SUSAN AND WE WERE ABLE TO NAB SUSAN AS THE

14:07:27 NEW CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

14:07:28 AGING DIRECTOR.

14:07:30 SHE'S ALREADY ROLLING UP HER SLEEVE TAKING

14:07:33 THE WORK ALL OF YOU DID WITH SUSAN OUTSIDE

14:07:35 OF STATE GOVERNMENT BUT IN PARTNERSHIP

14:07:39 WITH THE STATE AND NOW LEADING THE HOME

14:07:39 THERE.

14:07:42 OTHER IMPORTANT CHANGES SINCE WE'VE HAD A

14:07:46 CHANCE TO BE TOGETHER, WILL LEFT.

14:07:48 RE-RETIRED.

14:07:51 WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR HIS AMAZING WORK.

14:07:55 I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HELPING GET

14:08:01 MICHELLE BOSS THERE AND DHCS, A TREMENDOUS

14:08:05 LEADER, A KNOWLEDGEABLE STATE EXPERIENCED

14:08:08 PERSON, BUT ALSO SOMEBODY WHO HAS THIS

14:08:11 AMAZING AND DEEP PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO

14:08:13 MOVING ISSUES OF EQUITY FORWARD.

14:08:16 I'M GRATEFUL FOR HER LEADERSHIP AS IT

14:08:18 INTERSECTS WITH THE WORK HERE.

14:08:21 AND THEN I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND

14:08:24 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LOST SOME LEADERSHIP

14:08:28 ON THIS COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF CLAIRE'S MOVE

14:08:31 INTO -- CLAIRE RAMSEY, SO ERIC YOU'RE ON

14:08:34 YOUR OWN FOR AT LEAST A MOMENT, BUT WE

14:08:37 HAVE CLAIRE RAMSEY NOW IN SOCIAL SERVICES

14:08:41 LEADING AN IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL

14:08:41 PORTFOLIO.

14:08:44 IT IS SO FUN TO SEE PEOPLE MOVE ROLES BUT

14:08:46 TAKE THE SAME ISSUES AND PASSION TO

14:08:47 COMPLETE THEM.

14:08:50 SO I MENTION ALL OF THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE A

14:08:51 LOT OF WORK TO DO.

14:08:54 THERE'S NO DOUBT.

14:08:56 TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE'VE HAD

14:08:59 HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO SORT OF LEAD FORWARD

14:09:02 WITH AS A GROUP.

14:09:05 IT TAKES LEADERS THAT LEAD WITH THE HEART,

14:09:07 LEAD WITH THE MIND, LEAD WITH THE

14:09:11 PARTNERSHIP THAT I KNOW THE LEADERS I JUST

14:09:14 MENTIONED DO A TREMENDOUS JOB ON, SO I'M

14:09:15 REALLY PLEASED WITH WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE

14:09:18 WE'RE HEADING.

14:09:22 I KNOW THAT WE STILL ARE UNDER THE CLOUD

14:09:24 OF COVID AND I'LL JUST TAKE A MINUTE AND

14:09:27 WRAP UP WITH SOME WORDS ON THAT.

14:09:31 I THINK WHAT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE HARDEST

14:09:33 PARTS OF BEING FRONT AND CENTER AND

14:09:37 LEADING THIS PANDEMIC IS YOU CAN SEE

14:09:40 THINGS COMING BUT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SORT

14:09:44 OF SHOW SO VISIBLY, YOU KNOW, IT'S HARD TO

14:09:46 LEAD IN THAT AREA OF UNCERTAINTY.

14:09:48 I WILL TELL YOU AS WE MOVE INTO THE

14:09:51 HOLIDAYS, WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT IS

14:09:54 GOING TO HAPPEN WITH CASES AND WITH THOSE

14:09:57 PARTS OF CALIFORNIA THAT DON'T NECESSARILY

14:09:59 HAVE HIGH VACCINE RATES.

14:10:02 I KNOW MANY OF YOU LIVE AND WORK IN.

14:10:06 AND I JUST WOULD SAY ON A VERY PERSONAL

14:10:08 LEVEL THAT CALIFORNIA HAS TRIED TO LEAD ON

14:10:11 BOOSTERS AND VACCINES AND WE'RE ASKING

14:10:14 PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE COMMUNITIES I

14:10:17 KNOW YOU ALL WORK AND LIVE IN TO GET A

14:10:19 BOOSTER AND GET PROTECTED IN A WAY THAT

14:10:23 ALLOWS US TO MOVE FORWARD INTO THE HOLIDAY

14:10:25 WEEKS AND MONTHS WITH SOME CONFIDENCE.
14:10:27 I OFTEN TELL OUR TEAM WE CAN'T ALLOW
14:10:30 HISTORY TO REPEAT ITSELF AND I WILL TELL
14:10:33 YOU THAT WE'RE WORRIED THAT IT CAN.
14:10:36 THAT WHAT WE EXPERIENCED LAST DECEMBER AND
14:10:38 JANUARY JUST TAKE A LOOK ACROSS THE GLOBE
14:10:42 AND YOU SEE OTHER COUNTRIES WITH HIGHER
14:10:46 BASELINE VACCINE RATES FACING REALLY
14:10:48 BIG CHALLENGES TODAY.
14:10:50 I'LL JUST TAKE A MOMENT WHILE WE CELEBRATE
14:10:52 THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE LEADERSHIP
14:10:54 OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE TO ALSO REMIND US
14:10:56 THAT THE CLOUD OF COVID IS STILL ABOVE
14:10:56 US.
14:10:58 WE HAVE GOT TO PAY ATTENTION.
14:10:59 KEEP OUR GUARD UP.
14:11:02 AND DO WHAT YOU CAN PERSONALLY IN YOUR
14:11:04 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO MAKE SURE YOU
14:11:08 WALK INTO NEXT WEEK, WHICH IS A WEEK OF
14:11:10 GIVING THANKS AND BEING GRATEFUL FOR ALL
14:11:13 THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE TO SET YOURSELVES UP
14:11:15 TO BE AS SAFE AS YOU CAN BE.
14:11:18 I KNOW THAT'S A MESSAGE THAT I DON'T NEED
14:11:21 TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON WITH THIS GROUP,
14:11:23 BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE GET IT
14:11:25 OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IF MY MESSAGE
14:11:28 OF WELCOME CAN BE OF ANYTHING, IT'S AN
14:11:30 INVITATION TO HELP US MAKE SURE THAT WE
14:11:32 GET THAT MESSAGE ACROSS.

14:11:34 I'M WORRIED ABOUT OLDER CALIFORNIANS.

14:11:38 I'M WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

14:11:41 WHO MAYBE DON'T HEAR THE MESSAGES LOUD AND

14:11:41 CLEAR.

14:11:42 THIS IS FOR YOU.

14:11:45 GET YOUR BOOSTER NOW SO WE CAN HAVE AND

14:11:47 EXPERIENCE THAT PROTECTION THAT HAVE

14:11:48 REALLY BENEFITED CALIFORNIA FOR THE PAST

14:11:49 MANY MONTHS.

14:11:52 WITH THAT, SUSAN, SORRY.

14:11:57 SUSAN AND DARCI, I WENT ON A LITTLE LONGER

14:11:59 THAN YOU HAD HOPED, BUT IT'S A REAL

14:12:01 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK FOLKS AND SHARE THAT

14:12:01 MESSAGE.

14:12:03 I'LL TURN IT BACK TO YOU.

14:12:04 >> GREAT.

14:12:07 THANK YOU SO MUCH, SECRETARY GHALY.

14:12:09 A LOT OF IMPORTANT MESSAGES.

14:12:14 SO FOR THOSE WHO I HAVEN'T MET, MY NAME IS

14:12:14 DARCI.

14:12:17 I AM ONE OF THE NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARIES

14:12:22 WORKING WITH CAL HHS AND I WAS

14:12:24 ASKED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AND OVERVIEW OF

14:12:26 SOME OF THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON

14:12:29 AND THINGS ESPECIALLY THAT PERTAIN TO OUR

14:12:31 COMMUNITY AND OLDER ADULTS IN OUR

14:12:33 COMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH

14:12:33 DISABILITIES.

14:12:35 AND SO I JUST WANT TO TAKE A COUPLE

14:12:40 MINUTES TO TOUCH ON ISSUES RELATED TO
14:12:41 IMPLEMENTATION AND WORKFORCE ISSUES.
14:12:45 AS DR. GHALY MENTIONED A FEW MINUTES AGO,
14:12:48 THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT IS -- THAT IS
14:12:51 BEING DONE AND WORK THAT WE NEED TO BE
14:12:54 CONTINUING OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO, AND
14:12:56 SO I WANT TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO
14:12:58 TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT OUR
14:13:02 AGENCY HAS BEEN WORKING ON REALLY WITH THE
14:13:03 HOPE OF ENGAGING WITH ALL OF YOU.
14:13:06 THOSE THAT ARE ON THE CALL WHO HAVE LIVED
14:13:08 EXPERIENCE, WHO ARE PROVIDERS IN THE
14:13:11 COMMUNITY, YOU ARE -- YOU GIVE US THE
14:13:14 PULSE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHAT IS
14:13:16 NEEDED, AND SO HOPEFULLY MY GOAL OF
14:13:18 PROVIDING A BIT OF AN OVERVIEW IS
14:13:21 PARTIALLY A REACH OUT FOR YOU TO BECOME
14:13:23 ENGAGED WITH A LOT OF THE PROJECTS THAT
14:13:24 ARE BEING WORKED ON.
14:13:28 AS DR. GHALY MENTIONED, THERE IS A LOT
14:13:30 HAPPENING IN TERMS OF RECORD INVESTMENTS,
14:13:32 GROUNDBREAKING LEGISLATION, AND IT REALLY
14:13:36 IS AN UNPRECEDENTED TIME FOR AGING AND FOR
14:13:38 THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE REALLY
14:13:40 HAVE OUR FOOT ON THE GAS RIGHT NOW.
14:13:42 THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS HAPPENING.
14:13:44 AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WE ARE STILL WAITING
14:13:47 ON THAT FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE CENTERS FOR
14:13:51 MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES ON THE HCBS

14:13:53 SPENDING PLAN BUT WE'RE ALREADY STARTING
14:13:56 TO SCOPE OUT THE WORK, SO AT AN AGENCY
14:13:58 LEVEL OUR INTENT REALLY IS TO MOVE QUICKLY
14:14:00 AND MOVE FORWARD ONCE WE ARE APPROVED.
14:14:03 ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT KIND OF
14:14:05 INVESTMENT AREAS, WHILE I KNOW THAT THE
14:14:10 FOCUS TODAY IN THIS MEETING IS ON HOUSING,
14:14:12 ONE OF THE CRISES THAT WE'RE TRYING TO
14:14:16 REALLY FACE HEAD ON IS INVESTMENTS IN THE
14:14:17 DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE.
14:14:20 SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREAS OF GERIATRICS.
14:14:23 I THINK SECRETARY GHALY SHARES A CONCERN
14:14:26 THAT WE ARE JUST REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE
14:14:28 STATEWIDE WORKFORCE CRISIS WE'RE IN
14:14:28 TODAY.
14:14:30 IT'S ONLY GOING TO GROW AS THESE
14:14:31 POPULATIONS GROW.
14:14:34 SO WE REALLY ARE LOOKING TO REMEDY, TO
14:14:36 RECRUIT STAFF, TO TRAIN STAFF, FIGURE OUT
14:14:39 FROM A STATE LEVEL HOW WE CAN INCENTIVIZE
14:14:43 AND COMPENSATE THIS WORKFORCE SO IT REALLY
14:14:46 IS -- WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE A LIVING WAGE
14:14:50 AND EXCITED TO WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH
14:14:55 THE LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGING
14:14:55 SECRETARY.
14:14:58 BOTH SHE AND SECRETARY GHALY HAVE BEEN
14:15:00 ENGAGED IN THESE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOW
14:15:02 WE CAN COLLABORATE TO REALLY ADDRESS THIS
14:15:03 WORKFORCE NEED.

14:15:07 SO THOSE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE AND REALLY
14:15:09 EXCITED TO SEE WHERE THEY GO IN THE NEXT
14:15:11 SIX TO 12 MONTHS.
14:15:14 FINALLY, THE LAST THING THAT I WILL TOUCH
14:15:16 ON IS THE EXCITEMENT WITH THE PASSAGE OF
14:15:19 THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S \$1.2 TRILLION
14:15:22 FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT THAT HAPPENED
14:15:26 THIS WEEK AND ALSO THE POTENTIAL FOR THE
14:15:28 FEDERAL BUILD BACK BETTER BILL, AND SO FOR
14:15:31 THOSE WHO HAVEN'T SEEN IT IN THE NEWS, IT
14:15:34 REALLY IS GOING TO PROVIDE SOME AMAZING
14:15:37 OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO CALIFORNIA IN
14:15:39 SOME OF THE AREAS OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
14:15:40 SERVICES, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION.
14:15:43 I MEAN, THESE ARE ISSUES THAT OUR
14:15:45 COMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
14:15:47 DISABILITIES AND ALSO THE AGING COMMUNITY,
14:15:50 THESE ARE KEY AREAS.
14:15:53 AND JUST REALLY EXCITED ABOUT HOW KIND OF
14:15:55 THE DISCUSSION TODAY IS GOING TO HELP
14:15:57 SHAPE WHAT WE CAN DO, WHAT WE CAN DO IN
14:15:59 TERMS OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.
14:16:02 WE NEED THOSE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR
14:16:05 HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, THINGS LIKE
14:16:06 BROADBAND AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR FOLKS.
14:16:09 AND SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN START TO SEE HOW
14:16:12 ALL OF THESE IDEAS ARE INTERTWINED AND HOW
14:16:14 A LOT OF THE CONVERSATIONS TODAY WILL HELP
14:16:16 US CONSTRUCT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING

14:16:17 IN THE FUTURE.

14:16:22 SO WE KNOW THAT THE JANUARY 10th

14:16:25 PROPOSED STATE BUDGET, A LOT OF IT IS

14:16:28 ALREADY IN PLIGHT, BUT THERE IS A LOT

14:16:30 UNKNOWN AND WE ARE WORKING ON IT ON A

14:16:32 DAILY BASIS AS WE SPEAK, BUT I THINK THAT

14:16:34 WE CAN SAY FAIRLY CONFIDENTLY THAT THE

14:16:37 MASTER PLAN FOR AGING, THE ALZHEIMER'S

14:16:41 TASK FORCE, THESE REPORTS ARE REALLY

14:16:44 HELPING US GUIDE WHAT THE -- WHAT OUR

14:16:46 PRIORITIES NEED TO BE, WHAT THE STRATEGIES

14:16:50 ARE FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH THESE

14:16:52 POPULATIONS, AND SO AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR

14:16:53 PARTICIPATING IN THE CONVERSATION TODAY.

14:16:55 I KNOW THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FOLKS FROM

14:16:57 AGENCY AND FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE ON

14:17:00 THE CALL TODAY REALLY EXCITED TO HEAR WHAT

14:17:02 FOLKS HAVE TO SAY AND THEIR EXPERIENCE IN

14:17:05 THESE AREAS TO REALLY HELP US PAVE THE

14:17:07 PATHWAY FOR THE UPCOMING YEARS.

14:17:08 THANKS SO MUCH.

14:17:12 SUSAN, I THINK I WILL HAND IT OVER TO

14:17:12 YOU.

14:17:12 >> ALL RIGHT.

14:17:16 THANK YOU SO MUCH, DARCI AND THANK YOU

14:17:17 SECRETARY GHALY.

14:17:19 I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S STILL WITH US.

14:17:20 HELLO, EVERYBODY.

14:17:22 I'M SO HAPPY TO JOIN YOU TODAY FOR MY

14:17:24 FIRST MEETING AS CDA DIRECTOR.

14:17:28 FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, I WANT TO EXTEND

14:17:30 MY THANKS TO ERIC HARRIS, A RETURNING

14:17:32 CO-CHAIR WHO REPRESENTS DISABILITY RIGHTS

14:17:35 CALIFORNIA AND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO

14:17:37 PATTY WHO IS A SENIOR HOUSING ATTORNEY

14:17:39 WITH JUSTICE AND AGING.

14:17:42 PATTY JOINS US TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME AS

14:17:44 CO-CHAIR OF DACLAC.

14:17:47 WE ALSO HAVE FOUR NEW MEMBERS JOINING US

14:17:47 TODAY.

14:17:53 PAUL FROM SONOMA COUNTY ADULT

14:17:53 SERVICES.

14:17:57 HE'S FILLING DIANA BOYER'S SEAT FROM THE

14:17:59 COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTOR ASSOCIATION OF

14:17:59 CALIFORNIA.

14:18:02 WE'RE ALSO JOINED BY SHERRY BURNS WHO WILL

14:18:06 BE FILLING CHRISTINA MILLS SEAT AS A

14:18:07 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CALIFORNIA

14:18:10 FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

14:18:10 CENTERS.

14:18:14 KELSEY ON BEHALF OF THE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

14:18:19 ANTHONY RENDON'S OFFICE.

14:18:23 AND ADDITIONALLY WE'RE WELCOMING MICHAEL

14:18:25 BLECKER WHO BRINGS A STAKEHOLDER VOICE FOR

14:18:28 VETERANS TO THE COMMITTEE.

14:18:33 MICHAEL IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SWORDS

14:18:35 TO -- AND THE AGENCY IS GRATEFUL FOR PAST

14:18:38 AND PRESENT MEMBER SERVICE AND FOR YOUR

14:18:39 FLEXIBILITY AS WE'VE BEEN TRANSITIONING.

14:18:43 I JUST HAVE A FEW UPDATES FOR THE GROUP.

14:18:46 AS SECRETARY GHALY SAID, WE'RE APPROACHING

14:18:49 THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASTER

14:18:50 PLAN FOR AGING LAUNCH IN JANUARY AND WE'RE

14:18:54 VERY EXCITED THAT ASSEMBLY MEMBER AS CHAIR

14:18:56 OF THE ASSEMBLY AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE

14:18:58 COMMITTEE WILL BE MARKING THE OCCASION

14:19:00 WITH A LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT HEARING IN

14:19:00 JANUARY.

14:19:03 SO WATCH FOR MORE ACTIVITIES TO BE

14:19:04 ANNOUNCED IN EARLY DECEMBER TO TAKE US

14:19:07 INTO THE NEW YEAR.

14:19:11 WE'RE ALSO VERY EXCITED THAT TODAY MARKS

14:19:14 THE THIRD MEETING OF DACLAC AND THE IMPACT

14:19:17 COMMITTEE HAS NOW MET TWICE.

14:19:20 WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE

14:19:21 ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR

14:19:22 DECEMBER MEETING NEXT MONTH.

14:19:25 AND YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW THAT THE

14:19:27 EQUITY WORK GROUP AS PART OF THE MASTER

14:19:30 PLAN FOR AGING CONTINUES TO MEET REGULARLY

14:19:34 AND THEY'LL BE MEETING NEXT ON DECEMBER 16th.

14:19:38 PROBABLY BY THE END OF THIS WEEK

14:19:41 WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING MEMBERS OF THE ELDER

14:19:44 COORDINATING COUNCIL AND THEIR FIRST

14:19:45 MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 28th.

14:19:48 SO FOR ANYONE WHO WAS AFRAID THAT THIS

14:19:50 MASTER PLAN FOR AGING WOULD SIT ON A

14:19:52 SHELF, WE'VE HEARD THAT LOUD AND CLEAR,
14:19:56 REST ASSURED THAT THESE FIVE WORK GROUPS
14:19:59 REPRESENT ABOUT 150 VOICES WHO WILL BE
14:20:02 MEETING REGULARLY, YOURSELVES INCLUDES, TO
14:20:05 KEEP THIS WORK MOVING FORWARD.
14:20:07 SO WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THE
14:20:10 ADVOCATES, STAKEHOLDERS AND SUBJECT MATTER
14:20:13 EXPERTS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE ADVISORY
14:20:15 GROUPS AND WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR NEW AND
14:20:17 DIFFERENT WAYS TO ENGAGE THE PUBLIC AND
14:20:18 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WHO AREN'T PART OF
14:20:21 THESE GROUPS AND ONE OF THOSE WAYS IS
14:20:23 THROUGH OUR MPA LOCAL PLAYBOOK.
14:20:26 OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS WE'VE
14:20:28 PARTICIPATED IN OVER TWO DOZEN LOCAL AGE
14:20:31 AND DISABILITY FRIENDLY SUMMITS INCLUDING
14:20:34 ORANGE, SANTA CLARA AND VENTURA COUNTIES.
14:20:38 AMANDA LAWRENCE, WHO'S ON THE WEBINAR
14:20:42 TODAY, HAS BEEN SPEARHEADING AND LEADING
14:20:44 THAT EFFORT AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL
14:20:47 OF THE LOCAL EFFORTS AND WE'RE OPEN TO
14:20:50 STILL OTHERS, SO IF ANY OF YOU WANT TO GET
14:20:52 SOMETHING GOING IN YOUR COUNTY OR REGION,
14:20:55 JUST LET US KNOW AND YOU CAN ALWAYS REACH
14:21:02 US AT ENGAGE@AGING@CA.GOV, THE EMAIL WE'LL
14:21:03 BE SHARING WITH YOU.
14:21:05 THE LAST PIECE I WANT TO SHARE IS
14:21:07 CALIFORNIA'S MASTER PLAN WORK IS BEING
14:21:09 FEATURED AT ADVANCING STATES NATIONAL

14:21:16 CONFERENCE IN BALTIMORE NEXT MONTH WHERE

14:21:18 WE'LL MODEL TO HOW PLAN FOR AGING AND

14:21:22 DISABILITY POLICY, PROGRAMS AND

14:21:22 INVESTMENTS.

14:21:24 SO THAT'S IT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ME.

14:21:28 I'M NOW EAGER TO GET TO THE HEART OF OUR

14:21:30 WORK TODAY AND INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR

14:21:32 PRESENTERS FOR THE FIRST SEGMENT.

14:21:35 WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TODAY TO HAVE AN ALL

14:21:39 STAR LINEUP REPRESENTING A VARIETY OF

14:21:42 PERSPECTIVES, SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN

14:21:45 WELCOMING UNDERSECRETARY MELINDA GRANT,

14:21:50 CLAIRE RAMSEY, AND PATTI, WHO

14:21:53 IS OUR CO-CHAIR AND ALSO WILL BE

14:21:54 PRESENTING TODAY.

14:21:56 I WILL TURN IT NOW TO UNDERSECRETARY

14:21:56 GRANT.

14:21:58 THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

14:22:00 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, DIRECTOR.

14:22:02 WELCOME ABOARD AND CONGRATULATIONS AND

14:22:05 LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

14:22:08 IT'S JUST SUCH A PLEASURE TO BE WITH ALL

14:22:10 OF YOU HERE TODAY.

14:22:14 THIS IS A TOPIC THAT'S NEAR AND DEAR TO MY

14:22:14 HEART.

14:22:18 PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT'S REAL.

14:22:21 IT'S REAL FOR A LOT OF REASONS.

14:22:24 I JUST WAS IN THE PROCESS -- I THINK

14:22:26 DURING OUR LAST MEETING I WAS TALKING

14:22:29 ABOUT MY DAD WHO BECAME ILL AND WAS KIND
14:22:31 OF A PRIMARY CAREGIVER FOR A WHILE, WE'VE
14:22:34 BEEN GOING THROUGH A LOT OF STAGES AS WE
14:22:35 AGE IN PLACE TOGETHER.
14:22:39 AND SO IT'S SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL WHEN
14:22:40 THE WORK THAT YOU DO CONNECTS RIGHT BACK
14:22:43 TO THE CENTER OF YOUR HOME.
14:22:47 SO I AM GOING TO BE SHARING SOME REMARKS
14:22:49 BEFORE THIS GROUP REALLY ABOUT A LOT OF
14:22:52 THE DIFFERENT HOUSING INVESTMENTS THAT WE
14:22:54 HAVE GOING ON HERE IN THE STATE AND MORE
14:22:57 IMPORTANTLY HOW IT TIES BACK TO THE AGING
14:22:59 POPULATION AND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT OUR
14:22:59 DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING.
14:23:04 I DID WANT TO ALSO JUST RECOGNIZE TWO KEY
14:23:09 MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF, DEPUTY SECRETARY
14:23:12 SASHA KERGAN WHO IS THE NEW DEPUTY
14:23:14 SECRETARY OF HOUSING WHO WILL BE JOINING
14:23:16 US AS WELL AS OUR NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY OF
14:23:20 EQUITY AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES ERIKA
14:23:23 GONZALEZ WHO WILL BE
14:23:24 PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETINGS.
14:23:26 I APPRECIATE A LOT OF THE EQUITY WORK THAT
14:23:29 IS GOING ON OF COURSE WITHIN THIS
14:23:30 COMMITTEE AND I KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE
14:23:32 SOME FEATURES COMING UP SOON WHERE WE'LL
14:23:35 BE HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN.
14:23:40 I GUESS I WANTED TO BRIEFLY KIND OF TOUCH
14:23:41 ON THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR AGENCY.

14:23:44 OUR AGENCY, THE BUSINESS CONSUMER SERVICES
14:23:49 AND HOUSING AGENCY, WHICH I SERVE AS THE
14:23:51 UNDERSECRETARY AND OUR SECRETARY, WE HAVE
14:23:53 KIND OF TWO SIDES OF THE AGENCY.
14:23:57 WE HAVE HOUSING WHICH THIS IS THE
14:23:58 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE, THE DEPARTMENT
14:24:02 OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND
14:24:05 OUR CALIFORNIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.
14:24:07 WE ALSO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR
14:24:08 EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING.
14:24:11 ON THE OTHER SIDE OF OUR AGENCY IS A LOT
14:24:13 OF OUR CONSUMER RELATED AGENCIES.
14:24:16 SO WE HAVE A LOT OF OUR DEPARTMENTS THAT
14:24:18 RANGE EVERYTHING FROM THE CALIFORNIA HORSE
14:24:21 RACING BOARD ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE
14:24:22 CALIFORNIA MEDICAL BOARD WITHIN OUR
14:24:24 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND A LOT
14:24:25 IN BETWEEN THERE.
14:24:28 SO WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME AND WHERE YOU
14:24:29 WORK AND WHERE YOU LIVE.
14:24:31 TODAY WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE
14:24:33 HOUSING SIDE OF WHERE YOU LIVE.
14:24:36 AND I JUST REALLY WANTED TO TOUCH REALLY
14:24:39 ON KIND OF FOUR MAIN THEMES HERE IN
14:24:40 TODAY'S PRESENTATION.
14:24:43 IT REALLY IS ABOUT A LOT OF THE SHORT AND
14:24:45 LONG-TERM HOUSING INVESTMENTS THAT WE'RE
14:24:47 DOING TO REALLY ADDRESS THE VULNERABLE
14:24:47 POPULATIONS.

14:24:50 ONE IS WE'RE MAKING TREMENDOUS EFFORTS TO
14:24:53 STABILIZE VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH
14:24:57 THE SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY
14:24:57 RENTAL ASSISTANCE.
14:25:00 THE LONG-TERM BUDGETARY INVESTMENTS IN
14:25:03 HOUSING PROTECTION INCLUDING 2.0 AND THE
14:25:04 HOUSING ACCELERATED PROGRAM.
14:25:08 THREE, ENHANCE FOCUSING ON HOUSING
14:25:11 ACCOUNTABILITY COUPLED WITH INCENTIVES FOR
14:25:12 PRO-HOUSING JURISDICTIONS.
14:25:14 FOUR, EFFORTS IN HOUSING AND HEALTH
14:25:16 INVESTMENTS TO PREVENT AND END
14:25:18 HOMELESSNESS WITH THE CREATION OF THE
14:25:20 CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON
14:25:24 HOMELESSNESS.
14:25:28 SHOUT OUT TO DR. GHALY WHOY ARE PROUD TO
14:25:30 BE CO-CHAIRING WITH.
14:25:34 LOVING THE INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION NOT
14:25:36 ONLY ON THE HOMELESS SIDE BUT ALSO AS PART
14:25:38 OF THE MASTER PLAN ON AGING.
14:25:40 I WANT TO FIRST KICK OFF SOME OF THE
14:25:43 EFFORTS WITHIN OUR HOUSING STABILIZATION
14:25:45 IS THAT SINCE MARCH THE STATE HAS BEEN
14:25:48 ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MORE THAN
14:25:52 100,000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT
14:25:53 CALIFORNIA RENT RELIEF PROGRAM.
14:26:01 THAT IS OUR HOUSINGISKEY.COM WHICH WE HAVE
14:26:02 KICKED OFF TO REACH THOSE WHO WERE NOT
14:26:04 ABLE TO AFFORD RENT.

14:26:07 MANY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAVE BEEN
14:26:09 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE
14:26:11 PANDEMIC, BUT WE HAVE ALSO SEEN AN IMPACT
14:26:13 ON OUR AGING POPULATION MANY OF WHICH ARE
14:26:15 ON FIXED INCOMES AS MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW
14:26:19 AND AT HIGHER HEALTH RISK DURING THE
14:26:19 PANDEMIC.
14:26:21 OF THE OVER 300 APPLICATIONS, THE STATE
14:26:24 PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED OVER 25% OF
14:26:27 APPLICANTS OR ADULTS OVER THE AGE OF 50.
14:26:29 JUST PUTTING A PIN IN THAT.
14:26:31 FROM THE LAST MONTH THE STATE PROGRAM HAS
14:26:35 BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST OVER 5,000 HOUSEHOLDS
14:26:38 PER WEEK EQUATING TO APPROXIMATELY \$60
14:26:39 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE.
14:26:41 WE EXPECT THE RATES TO CONTINUE TO
14:26:42 INCREASE AND WE HAVE DOUBLED THE
14:26:43 ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY FOR THE PROGRAM
14:26:45 WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL HELP US CONTINUE TO
14:26:46 SPEED UP THE DISTRIBUTION.
14:26:50 I WANT TO MOVE BRIEFLY TO THE LONG-TERM
14:26:52 BUDGETARY INVESTMENTS I SPOKE OF EARLIER
14:26:56 AND PART OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET ALONE WHICH
14:26:58 INCLUDE OF COURSE HISTORIC INVESTMENTS TO
14:27:01 INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION,
14:27:04 SUPPORT HOMEOWNERS AND END HOMELESSNESS IN
14:27:05 CALIFORNIA, ONE IMPORTANT KEY FACTOR I
14:27:09 WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT NEARLY ONE IN FIVE
14:27:12 OF THE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN

14:27:14 OUR STATE ARE OVER THE AGE OF 65.

14:27:16 WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO INCREASING THE

14:27:19 SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS WELL AS A

14:27:21 FEW MONTHS AGO WE JUST ANNOUNCED THE

14:27:22 HOUSING ACCELERATOR PROGRAM.

14:27:24 THIS PROGRAM WILL FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION

14:27:26 OF OVER 6,000 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

14:27:29 THAT ARE CURRENTLY AWAITING FULL

14:27:31 FINANCING, INCLUDING MANY DEDICATED TO

14:27:32 SENIOR HOUSING.

14:27:35 THESE PROJECTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REVIEWED

14:27:40 AND AWARDED FUNDS BY HCD AND WILL

14:27:42 BE READY WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

14:27:44 WE BELIEVE THIS WILL GREATLY ACCELERATE

14:27:46 THE PRODUCTION OF THE STATE'S AFFORDABLE

14:27:46 HOUSING STOCK.

14:27:50 MOVING ON TO HOME KEY, ANOTHER PROGRAM

14:27:53 THAT WAS BUILT OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, IN

14:27:55 2020 OUR DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING COMMUNITY

14:27:58 DEVELOPMENT WATCHED HOME KEY WHICH IS THE

14:27:59 STATE'S RESPONSE TO ADDRESSING TWO

14:28:02 CONCURRENT EMERGENCIES CAUSED BY COVID-19

14:28:03 AND HOMELESSNESS.

14:28:06 HOME KEY WAS A REMARKABLE PROOF OF CONCEPT

14:28:10 OF SPEED AND COST AND EFFECTIVENESS BY

14:28:12 BRINGING 6,000 UNITS OF HOUSING ONLINE IN

14:28:15 UNDER SIX MONTHS.

14:28:17 I JUST WANTED TO PAUSE THERE FOR A

14:28:17 MOMENT.

14:28:19 JURISDICTIONS FROM UP AND DOWN THE STATE
14:28:22 WERE AWARDED HOME KEY FUNDING RESULTING IN
14:28:24 94 PROJECTS THAT BROUGHT THOSE
14:28:26 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS INSIDE INTO
14:28:27 SAFETY FROM THE PANDEMIC.
14:28:29 THIS YEAR WE ARE BACK WITH HOME KEY ROUND
14:28:32 TWO TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF ADDRESSING
14:28:35 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOMELESS ISSUES WITH
14:28:37 \$2.7 BILLION AVAILABLE TO BRING EVEN MORE
14:28:38 UNITS IN HOMES ONLINE.
14:28:42 THE HOME KEY PROGRAM TWO PROVIDES A
14:28:44 SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT TO RAPIDLY
14:28:46 EXPANDING HOUSING FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING
14:28:48 HOMELESSNESS OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS
14:28:53 AND WHO ARE, THERE BY, IMPACTED OR AT
14:28:55 INCREASED RISK OF MEDICAL CONDITIONS DUE
14:28:56 TO COVID-19.
14:28:58 BUT TODAY I WANT TO FOCUS ON SOMETHING
14:29:00 TIED MORE CLOSELY TO THIS DISCUSSION.
14:29:04 THIS IS HOME KEY'S ATTENTION TO
14:29:04 ACCESSIBILITY.
14:29:06 FIRST, THE HOME KEY PROGRAM MAKES CLEAR
14:29:08 THAT ALL APPLICATIONS AND PROJECTS MUST
14:29:10 ADHERE TO THE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
14:29:11 THAT ARE IN STATE LAW.
14:29:14 THERE IS A THRESHOLD ITEM AND THIS IS
14:29:17 IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE HAVE OFTEN BEEN
14:29:21 QUESTIONS BY HOUSING PRACTITIONERS
14:29:24 ABOUT HOW MANY AND WHAT PERCENTAGE AND

14:29:25 WHAT STANDARD UNIT TO BE ACCESSIBLE.

14:29:27 THEY CLARIFY THESE REQUIREMENTS IN THE

14:29:32 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND IN A

14:29:34 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADDENDUM TO THE

14:29:34 NOFA.

14:29:36 WE HAVE THAT ON THE WEBSITE IF ANYONE

14:29:37 WOULD LIKE ACCESS.

14:29:40 ASIDE FROM THAT THRESHOLD REQUIREMENT, THE

14:29:43 HOME KEY NOFA ALSO ADDS POINTS FOR

14:29:45 PROJECTS THAT EXCEED THE STATE AND FEDERAL

14:29:46 ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS.

14:29:49 THIS FURTHER INCENTIVIZED PROJECTS TO

14:29:51 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL UNITS WITH FEATURES

14:29:54 ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH MOBILITY

14:29:57 DISABILITIES, AND ADDITIONAL UNITS WHICH

14:29:58 FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH

14:30:00 HEARING OR VISION DISABILITIES.

14:30:02 WE'RE PLEASED TO SHARE THIS NEWS ABOUT THE

14:30:04 HOME KEY PROGRAM BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT

14:30:07 THAT WE CONTINUE TO CENTER THE NEEDS OF

14:30:10 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHEN WE ARE

14:30:12 MAKING INVESTMENTS IN HOUSING.

14:30:17 I WANT TO KIND OF END OR AT LEAST KIND OF

14:30:19 END ON THE NIGHT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT A

14:30:21 LITTLE BIT MORE OF THE CALIFORNIA

14:30:23 INTERAGENCY ACCOUNTS ON HOMELESSNESS WHICH

14:30:26 I MENTIONED EARLIER AND JUST FOR STATS IS

14:30:53 IT DESIGNATES THE TWO SECRETARIES, OF OUR AGENCY AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

HE SIGNED AB77 WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO DRIVE ACCOUNTABILITY, ENSURES FOR COMPREHENSIVE

AND ROBUST DATA COLLECTION ON STATE-FUNDED HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS AND BRINGS EXPERTISE STAKEHOLDERS INTO OUR WORK.

14:31:13 LOTS OF GREAT INFORMATION THERE BUT YOU KNOW THAT WAS A LOT TO UNPACK BUT I WILL STOP THERE FOR NOW AND OF COURSE JUST WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION GOING FORWARD. AND I'LL TOSS IT BACK TO YOU, DIRECTOR.

14:31:20 >> THANK YOU, SECRETARY GRANT. WE'RE GOING TO TRANSITION TO CLAIRE. I HOPE YOU'RE READY. WE'RE GOING TO ADD A SPOTLIGHT TO YOU.

14:31:37 >> THANKS, MARIA. EXCITED TO BE HERE WITH YOU ALL TODAY IN MY NEW ROLL. THANK YOU. I HOPE MANY OF YOU KNOW NOW I'M NOW AT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AS THE CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR DISABILITY ADULTS AND HOUSING INTEGRATION.

14:31:50 WITH THAT JOB I'LL BE OVERSEEING FOUR DIVISIONS. THE ADULT PROGRAMS DIVISION, COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING, DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES AND HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS DIVISION.

14:32:22 AND SO I'LL BE AS WAS MENTIONED I'LL BE WORKING ON A LOT OF THE SAME TOPICS I WAS AS JUSTICE AND AGING BUT NOW THROUGH THE LENS OF THE STATE AND I'M EXCITED TO COME AND PRESENT TO YOU ON ALL THE EFFORTS, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IS MAKING AROUND HOUSING. I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT BEFORE I JUMP INTO MY SLIDES THAT OUR DIRECTOR KIM JOHNSON IS ALSO HERE WITH US TODAY. SO REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE US BOTH HERE AND HEARING FROM ALL OF YOU ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHAT MORE WE CAN DO.

14:32:41 SO FIRST I WANT TO GIVE OVERVIEW TO OUR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM. AND SOME CONTEXT ABOUT WHERE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SITS WITHIN THE BROADER HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS LANDSCAPE. OUR DEPARTMENT AND OUR BRANCH'S FOCUS IS ON THE PROGRAMS THAT FUNCTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

14:32:51 SO AS WE KNOW OUR SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS ARE A KEY ACCESS POINT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AND OLDER ADULTS FACING HOUSING CRISISES.

14:33:14 SO OUR GOAL IS TO NOT ONLY END HOMELESSNESS AND PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES BUT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES ACROSS THE BOARD. AND TO THAT END, LAST YEAR ACTUALLY OUR PROGRAMS HAVE SERVED MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE. SO WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THE WAY WE BUILT UP OUR WORK AROUND HOUSING JUST OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

14:33:45 IN THE MOST RECENT STATE BUDGET, OUR DEPARTMENT RECEIVED JUST OVER \$2 BILLION IN HOUSING FUNDING FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. WHICH IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION IN OUR FUNDING. AND I'M EXCITED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT \$1.49 BILLION OF THAT ARE FUNDS SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. SO AS YOU JUST HEARD, REALLY IT IS TORIC INVESTMENS THAT WILL ALLOW US TO EXPAND OUR PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITIES.

14:33:51 AND FOR OUR EXISTING PROGRAMS TO REACH EVEN MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE FACING HOMELESSNESS OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

14:34:20 I WANT TO WALK THROUGH OUR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS AND THEN I HAVE SLIDES THAT GIVE MORE SPECIFICS ABOUT THE FOUR THAT ARE REALLY RELATED TO OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. WE RUN SEVEN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS. FOUR ARE AIMED AT SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THREE ARE AIMED AT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AND AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, THE CDSS PROGRAMS ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNTY OR TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS.

14:34:45 AND AGENCY OF SOCIAL SERVICES. SO THESE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OFTEN PARTNER WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, NONPROFITS AND CBOS TO CARRY OUT THE WORK. SO WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'LL GO THROUGH THOSE TOP FOUR ON THE SLIDE, THE HOUSING AND DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM, THE HOME SAFE PROGRAM, PROJECT ROOM KEY AND THE COMMUNITY CARE EXPANSION.

14:34:58 BUT JUST WANT TO ALSO MENTION WE DO RUN THOSE THREE OTHER FAMILY PROGRAMS WHICH ARE THE CAL WORKS HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, CAL WORKS HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM AND THE BRINGING FAMILIES HOME PROGRAM WHICH IS FOCUSED ON FOSTER YOUTH.

14:35:23 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I ALSO WANT TO PROVIDE A LITTLE CONTEXT FOR THE NEED FOR THESE PROGRAMS AND AGAIN I KNOW I'M SPEAKING WITH AN AUDIENCE WHO FEELS PROBABLY UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEED THAT EXISTS OUT THERE. SO I JUST WANT TO USE A FEW STATISTICS TO FRAME THE NEED FOR THE HOUSING PROGRAMS AND WHY WE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED STAFF TO SERVE SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

14:35:48 SO IN 2020, OVER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OVER 14,000 WHO ARE 65 AND OLDER ACCESSED THE HOMELESS SYSTEM IN CALIFORNIA. WE KNOW THAT THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS OLDER ADULTS IS EXPECTED TO TRIPLE IN THE NEXT DECADE, AND THAT OFTEN THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL HAVE COMPLEX CARE AND UNIQUE HOUSING NEEDS.

14:36:07 THE NEED TO UPHOLD HOUSING STABILITY FOR SENIORS IS ALSO A KEY PART OF THE CALIFORNIA MASTER PLAN FOR AGING. I KNOW OF THAT DOCUMENT WE'RE ALL EXTREMELY FAMILIAR WITH. AND IT REALLY PLACES HOUSING FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES AS ITS FIRST GOAL SO THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT IS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS.

14:36:22 BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOAL WITHIN THE MASTER PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS. SO WE HAVE BOTH THOSE CHARGES TO REALLY IMPROVE ACCESS TO HOUSING AND TO END HOMELESSNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS.

14:36:50 SO WITH THAT, WE REALLY KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO CONNECT SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO APPROPRIATE HOUSING SUPPORTS AND TO SERVICES THAT FIT THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS. WE THINK OUR PROGRAMS NEED TO BE FLEXIBLE SO THEY CAN PROVIDE HOUSING-RELATED FINANCIAL SUPPORT SUCH AS POTENTIALLY RENTAL BACK PAY, RENTAL ASSISTANCE, MOVE-IN COSTS AND CREDIT REPAIRS AND PROGRAMS THAT CAN OFFER CASE MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT PARTICIPANTS.

14:36:58 IN GAINING HOUSING STABILITY AND TO COORDINATE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE SERVICE PLAN. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

14:37:27 SO FIRST WANT TO GO AND TALK ABOUT HDAP. SO THAT'S THE HOUSING AND DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM. FIRST MANY OF YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THIS. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT

HAS EXISTED FOR THE LAST COUPLE YEARS. AND THIS PROGRAM EXISTS TO ASSIST PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR WHO ARE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, STABILIZING HOUSING WHILE ALSO ADVOCATING FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS, INCLUDING SSI.

14:37:53 SO THIS PROGRAM NOT ONLY HAS PROVIDED PERMANENT HOUSING FOR OVER 1900 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MANY WHO WERE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS BUT HAS ALSO HAD A 78 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE IN APPROVALS FOR SSI, WHICH IS WELL ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE SO WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS THAT WE'RE REALLY ZONING IN ON THE PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP BUT WITH OUR HELP ARE ABLE TO GET ONTO SSI AND GET STABLY HOUSED.

14:38:22 IN ADDITION TO THE ONGOING \$25 MILLION THAT WAS APPROPRIATED LAST YEAR FOR HDAP, IT ALSO RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL \$300 MILLION OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. AND WITH THAT ADDITIONAL MONEY THE MATCH REQUIREMENTS WERE WAVED THOSE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FUNDS SO MORE ACCESS FOR MORE COMMUNITIES TO UTILIZE HDAP.

14:38:46 WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW GRANTEEES SOON. AND HDAP FUNDING CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT OUTREACH, CONNECTIONS TO DISABILITY BENEFITS ADVOCACY AND HOUSING-RELATED CASE MANAGEMENT. WE'RE ALSO CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE IDENTIFYING AND SECURING NEW HOUSING AND CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT SUCH AS HOUSING STABILIZATION SERVICES, RENTAL ASSISTANCE, RENTAL BACK PAY, SECURITY DEPOSITS AND MOVING ASSISTANCE.

14:38:59 AND WITH THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FUNDS, WE'RE HOPING EXISTING GRANTEEES CAN REALLY EXPAND THESE SERVICES TO REACH MORE ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND WE'RE HOPING NEW COUNTIES AND TRIBES WILL ESTABLISH HDAP PROGRAMS.

14:39:14 I DID JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THERE WAS A NEW ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER THAT WENT OUT ON SEPTEMBER 13 NOTIFYING COUNTIES AND TRIBAL AGENCIES OF THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND THAT GUIDANCE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE.

14:39:23 SO, YOU KNOW, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LOOK UP THAT WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

14:39:46 OUR NEXT PROGRAM IS HOME SAFE. AND THIS PROVIDES HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION SERVICES FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES CLIENTS OR THOSE IN THE PROCESS OF AN APS INTAKE. SO APS CLIENTS ARE OLDER ADULTS AND DEPENDENT ADULTS EXPERIENCING ABUSE, NEGLECT OR WHO ARE UNABLE TO CARE FOR THAT YOU ARE OWN NEEDS.

14:40:10 IN THIS LAST FUNDING -- IN THIS LAST BUDGET THE AGE LIMIT FOR APS IS ALSO BEING LOWERED TO 60 SO THAT WILL MEAN MORE PEOPLE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO HOME SAFE. HOME SAFE ITSELF RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME INVESTMENT OF \$92.5 MILLION. WITH A SIMILAR AMOUNT EXPECTED NEXT FISCAL YEARS AND THESE FUNDS ARE ALSO MATCH EXEMPT.

14:40:31 HOME SAFE CAN OFFER PARTICIPANTS CASE MANAGEMENT TO HELP THEM REACH HOUSING STABILITY, ALSO HAVE HOUSING NAVIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND OCCUR NEW UNITS, HOUSING STABILIZATION SERVICES, CONNECTIONS TO LONGER TERM CARE WHEN NEEDED AND DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS RENTAL ASSISTANCE BACK PAY OR MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE THEIR HOME ACCESSIBLE.

14:41:09 ALREADY THE PROGRAM HELPED OVER 2200 PEOPLE IN 25 COUNTIES AND HOPING THE EXPANSION WILL SEE NEW COUNTIES AND NEW TRIBAL AGENCY GRANTEEES COME ON BOARD. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE HOPES FOR THE EXTENDED MONEY. AND WE'RE REALLY THINKING THIS PROGRAM CAN PROVIDE KEY MUCH-NEEDED HOUSING SUPPORT TO SENIORS WHO MIGHT BE IN CRISIS BECAUSE OF ABUSE, NEGLECT. THERE WAS A COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTOR ON OCTOBER 15 EXPLAINING THE GRANTS AND EXPANSION FOR HOME SAFE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

14:41:32 SO NEXT PROJECT IS PROJECT ROOMKEY AND THIS IS A FIRST OF ITS KIND PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NONCONGREGATE SHELTER FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE FACE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. AND HAS HOUSED OVER 42,000 INDIVIDUALS TO DATE. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THIS PROGRAM AND ALL THE PEOPLE IT HAS HELPED THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC.

14:41:54 AND WE'RE ALSO EXCITED THAT THIS HAS PROVIDED A MODEL THAT'S PAVED THE WAY FOR THE MASSIVELY SUCCESSFUL PROJECT HOME KEY WHICH IS BEING OPERATED AS YOU HEARD FROM HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. SO THAT PROGRAM ACTUALLY PURCHASES AND REFURBISHES HOTELS, MOTELS AND OTHER STRUCTURES TO CREATE HOUSING.

14:42:19 BUT ROOM KEY CONTINUES TO OPERATE. AND WE WERE GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL \$150 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING SO THAT WE COULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AS THE PANDEMIC CONTINUES. SO THOSE PROVIDE BOTH THE NONCONGREGATE SHELTER FOR PEOPLE BUT ALSO WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT SERVICES AND THE HELP SO PEOPLE CAN TRANSITION INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.

14:42:49 AND WE WERE ALREADY ABLE TO AWARD THESE FUNDS. AND THAT HAPPENED IN MID-SEPTEMBER. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I'M ALMOST DONE. WE HAVE SO MUCH GOING ON. OUR NEWEST PROGRAM WHICH IS THE COMMUNITY CARE EXPANSION PROGRAM WHICH IS GOING TO RAMP UP AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PUTTING A TON OF WORK INTO MAKING A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. SO WE'RE CALLING THAT CCE.

14:43:04 SO COMMUNITY CARE EXPANSION WILL FUND ACQUISITION CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION OF ADULT AND SENIOR CARE FACILITIES TO SUPPORT SENIORS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE AT RISK OR WHO ARE HOMELESS.

14:43:34 WE'RE REALLY FOCUSING ON SSI AND SSP RECIPIENTS. AND WE'VE REALLY SEEN THOSE NUMBERS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS HAVE DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. AND WE'RE WORRIED THOSE NUMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE. SO REALLY TRYING TO SEE THESE RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE HOUSING CONTINUUM FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE ALTERNATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS TO MEET THEIR LEVEL OF CARE NEED.

14:43:57 AND WHO MIGHT BECOME HOMELESS IF THEY DON'T HAVE THESE SETTINGS AVAILABLE. TO THIS END WE HAVE \$805 MILLION INVESTED TO RAMP UP THIS PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. AND WE EXPECT OUR REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE RELEASED IN EARLY 2022.

14:44:17 AND WE WILL BE WORKING IN COORDINATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AROUND ANOTHER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT THEY'RE DOING AROUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. SO IF YOU DO HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT, WE CAN LINK YOU TO A LISTENING SESSION THAT WAS HOSTED ON NOVEMBER 2 TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION.

14:44:49 AND FINALLY LAST SLIDE, JUST SAY THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THESE ARE REALLY IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS BUT THEY'RE NOT HAPPENING IN A VACUUM AND THAT THERE ARE MANY OTHER INVESTMENTS HAPPENING IN THE UMBRELLA OF CAL HHS, INCLUDING CAL AIM, THE HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIKE THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER EXPANSION AND RESIDENTIAL CONTINUUM PILOTS THAT ARE WAITING FOR APPROVAL THROUGH THE SPENDING PLAN.

14:45:16 AND THAT THERE ARE OTHER HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE PREVENTION GRANTS THAT ARE MOVING FORWARD. SO MORE TO COME FROM US. YOU'LL BE HEARING ABOUT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO GET THIS ALL MOVING. SO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE TIME TODAY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION.

14:45:34 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, CLAIRE. AND I BELIEVE IT'S PATTI NOW. YOU'RE ON MUTE, PATTI. WE HOPE TO OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT 3:00.

14:46:06 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUSAN. AND WELCOME TO YOUR NEW POSITION. I'M EXCITED TO BE WORKING WITH YOU. I'M HONORED TO BE JOINING THIS IMPORTANT DACLAC COMMITTEE AND HEARING MUCH MORE FROM YOU ALL. THERE'S A LOT THAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. YOU'VE HEARD QUITE A BIT. AND I JUST WANT TO SORT OF TAKE A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME TO FOCUS ON WHY THIS SESSION ON HOUSING IS SO NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART.

14:46:20 I'M THE SENIOR HOUSING ATTORNEY AT JUSTICE IN AGING. I WORK A LOT ON HOUSING STABILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AS WELL AS TRYING TO PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS.

14:46:48 SO WE KNOW THAT HAVING AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING IS KEY TO BEING ABLE TO FULFILL DACLAC'S PURPOSE OF ADVANCING COMMUNITY LIVING, INCLUSION AND INTEGRATION ACROSS THIS STATE. AND THE QUESTION THAT ALWAYS COMES UP IS HOW CAN WE ADVANCE COMMUNITY LIVING AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES IF A PERSON CAN'T ACCESS A HOME WHERE THOSE SERVICES CAN BE DELIVERED.

14:47:12 SO WE HAVE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE HOUSING ARENA RIGHT NOW. YOU'VE HEARD QUITE A BIT ABOUT IT. AND I THINK THE QUESTION IS HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO BUILD ON AND STRENGTHEN THOSE INITIATIVES WHILE ALSO REALIZING THERE MIGHT BE NEW THINGS WE NEED TO START OR GAPS WE NEED TO FILL AND AS SECRETARY GHALY SAID, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

14:47:54 I WANT TO JUST VERY BRIEFLY SEE IF I CAN SHARE MY SLIDES, BECAUSE I WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A LITTLE BIT OF REMINDER THAT I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT -- WAIT, JUST ONE MOMENT. OKAY. I'M FROZEN. ALL RIGHT YOU'RE GOING TO GET THE WHOLE THING, NOT EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED. OKAY. DOES EVERYBODY SEE A JUSTICE IN AGING SLIDE IN FRONT OF THEM? GREAT. YES.

14:48:21 >> SO I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS WHEN WE THINK ABOUT HOUSING GOALS AND STRATEGIES IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING IS RECOGNIZING THAT THE VERY FIRST GOAL, FOR SOME REASON THIS IS FREEZING MY -- OH. I'M HAVING A LITTLE TROUBLE.

14:48:29 THE SCREEN SHARE IS FREEZING MY ABILITY TO MOVE MY SLIDES.

14:48:31 >> PATTI, I CAN SCREEN SHARE FOR YOU.

14:48:55 >> THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M GOING TO STOP. THIS IS A TEST. [LAUGHS] OKAY. GREAT. SO THE VERY FIRST -- OH, I THINK YOU'RE ON NUMBER 4. THERE WE GO. IF YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE.

14:49:44 THE VERY FIRST GOAL, AS YOU KNOW, IS ALL ABOUT HOUSING FOR ALL STAGES AND AGES. AND THIS IS A BOLD GOAL. IT WOULD TAKE A LOT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. THERE ARE 11 INITIATIVES WITHIN THIS GOAL TO RELATE TO INCREASED HOUSING PRODUCTION, INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY, DESIGNING AGE-FRIENDLY HOUSING, LOOKING AT THIS WAYS TO CREATE BELOW MARKET RATE HOUSING, AND SO ON BUT THE KEY TO IT IS THAT IT LAYS OUT A VERY AMBITIOUS SET OF INITIATIVES AND I THINK WE CAN KEEP ASKING HOW MANY OF THESE ARE WE MOVING F

14:50:04 AND GOAL 5 IS MOSTLY ABOUT ECONOMIC SECURITY AND AFFORDING AGING, BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES A VERY IMPORTANT GOAL OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS. IF YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THANK YOU. SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE HOUSING AFFORDABLE FOR ALL?

14:50:18 WE WANT TO KNOW THAT OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING. THIS IS REALLY THE UNDERPINNING OF BEING ABLE TO IMPLEMENT ADVANCING COMMUNITY LIVING.

14:50:44 WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN HELP OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES STAY SUCCESSFULLY HOUSED. A LOT OF THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED ARE TRYING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, BUT WE HAVE A LOT MORE TO DO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT BOTH PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY OF HOUSING AND THE NEED FOR MODIFICATIONS BUT ALSO THE INTEGRATION OF SERVICES TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.

14:51:18 AND THE FINAL ONE OF PREVENTING AND ENDING SENIOR HOMELESSNESS. AND THEN TO TURN TO THE VERY LAST ONE OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS, WE KNOW THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE AGE 50 AND ABOVE WHO ARE BECOMING HOMELESS IS THE FASTEST AGE DEMOGRAPHIC IN THE GROWING HOMELESS POPULATION. AND THAT ABOUT HALF OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS BECAME HOMELESS FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER AGE 50.

14:51:43 SO WE WANT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS TO ACCESS HOUSING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE UNHOUSED OR IMMINENT RISK OF BEING UNHOUSED. AND YOU'LL HEAR MORE ABOUT SOME PROPOSALS LATER. BUT I JUST WANT TO IDENTIFY THE THREE INITIATIVES THAT ARE IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING THAT WE CAN REALLY BE ZEROING IN ON AS WAYS TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM.

14:52:11 AND I THINK THE OTHER THING IS TO KEEP IN MIND THAT OUR GOAL IS TO END HOMELESSNESS AND TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IS IT THAT OUR MULTIPLE AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER NEED TO IDENTIFY IN THE WAY A BENCHMARKS AND GOALS TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SO THE FIRST INITIATIVE IS TO BUILD ON THE SUCCESS OF HOME KEY TO FURTHER DEVELOP HOUSING AND TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.

14:52:33 YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT SOME EXPANSION OF HOME KEY, AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN ACCESSING HOME KEY PROGRAMS. PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY NEED ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES, PERHAPS AS WAS MENTIONED THEY MAY HAVE DISABILITIES THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO ACCESS THESE PROGRAMS.

14:52:52 AND ALSO BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH WE'VE RAMPED UP A TERRIFIC AMOUNT OF NEW CAPACITY, IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO MEET THE NEED. CLAIRE MENTIONED INITIATIVE NUMBER 118, ALL THAT CDS IS DOING AROUND HOME SAFE AND THE HOUSING AND DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM.

14:53:34 AND I THINK THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THOSE RESULTS PRODUCE BOTH MORE HOUSING OPTIONS AND GETTING PEOPLE TO A MORE SAFE PLACE. AND THEN FINALLY THE IHSS PLUS HOUSING MODELS IS A REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT HOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY IF THEY HAD PERSONAL CARE BROUGHT IN AND THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DIRECT THEIR OWN CARE, BUT IT WOULD STILL BE AN OPTION FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

14:54:21 BUT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR IT TO BE SITE-BASED IN AN INTENSIVE MODEL SUCH AS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OR OTHER MODELS. SO I AM GOING TO STOP, BECAUSE MY REAL GOAL HERE IS TO SHARE WITH ERIC HARRIS MY CO-FACILITATOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES CAN HEAR FROM YOU, THE EXPERTS IN THE ROOM. THANK YOU.

14:54:25 >> ALL RIGHT. SO ERIC IS UP. THANK YOU, PATTI.

14:54:43 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, PATTI. AND THANK YOU, SUSAN. IT'S SO GREAT TO HAVE BOTH OF YOU JOINING ON. I DEFINITELY WILL MISS KIM AND CLAIRE IN THE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS THAT WE'VE HAD. BUT IT'S GREAT TO HAVE BOTH OF YOU AND STILL BE WORKING, OF COURSE, WITH CLAIRE.

14:55:02 AND I KNOW WE'LL HAVE SOME TIME FURTHER DOWN THE LINE TO WORK WITH KIM AS WELL. SO JUST AS A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ERIC HARRIS. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA AND ALSO ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS FOR THE DACLAC COMMITTEE.

14:55:24 AND JUST FOR A VISUAL DESCRIPTION, I'M AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE WITH SHORT BLACK HAIR WITH A BEARD AND MUSTACHE. I'M CURRENTLY WEARING GLASSES AND A RED POLO SHIRT WITH A WHITE UNDERSHIRT. AND I AM WORKING FROM HOME HERE IN SACRAMENTO.

14:55:59 SO WE WANTED TO HAVE A GOOD STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION AND REALLY GET THE COMMUNITY'S INPUT. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THIS COMMUNITY TO NOT JUST AS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE, HAVE PRESENTATIONS WHERE WE'RE TELLING YOU ALL SOME OF THE ISSUES AND SOME OF THE POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS BUT THAT WE HEAR DIRECTLY FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHAT YOU ALL ARE EXPERIENCING AND WHAT YOU ALL ARE HEARING FROM LEADERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

14:56:28 SO, AS I THINK THE EASIEST WAY TO PROBABLY DO THIS IS JUST TO HAVE PEOPLE EITHER RAISE THEIR HANDS, MAKE COMMENTS IN THE CHAT IF THAT IS EASY FOR THEM OR JUST ONCE THERE'S A BREAK AFTER A SPEAKER IF YOU WANT TO UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK. BUT I SEE THAT MARCIE OMOTO HAS HIS HAND UP. SO IF MARTY WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD.

14:56:53 >> THANKS, ERIC, AND THANKS TO EVERYONE AND WELCOME, PATTI AS THE CO-CHAIR OF THE STAKEHOLDER SIDE. AND MARTY, FAMILY MEMBER, CALIFORNIA DISABILITY SENIOR COMMUNITY

ACTION NETWORK. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WAY THAT THIS DISCUSSION HAS LOOKED AT HOUSING ACROSS THE DIFFERENT SYSTEMS

14:57:17 WHAT I LIKE ABOUT AND I THINK WE NEED TO GO FURTHER IS LOOKING AT OUR PEOPLE, OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WHOLE PERSON AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND THAT'S SO CRITICAL. SO JUST WANTED TO SCORE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WE'RE LOOKING AT THE WHOLE PERSON BECAUSE THAT IS A PIVOT IN THE WAY THAT WE NORMALLY THINK. WE THINK IN TERMS OF HOW WE WORK WITHIN OUR OWN SYSTEMS THAT WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH.

14:57:42 AND WE GOT TO SHAKE EACH OTHER TO GET OUT OF THAT MINDSET. THE OTHER PART IS MAKING SURE THAT WHATEVER REDO, AND THIS IS GOING BACK TO THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE AGENCY WHICH I THINK ARE REALLY TRANSFORMING, IF WE ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT IT IS THAT EVERYTHING WE DO IS PERSON-CENTERED AND THERE'S OUTCOMES TIED TO THAT.

14:58:00 I WANT TO SUGGEST THOUGH AS ONE OF THE NEXT STEPS AND I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT THIS THE PREVIOUS MEETING THAT THERE'S A WORKGROUP THAT SUSAN AND ERIC AND PATTI CAN CONSIDER FORMING THAT IS LOOKING DIRECTLY AT THE ISSUES OF HOUSING THAT LOOKS AT THE WHOLE PERSON THAT CROSSES ALL THE SYSTEMS.

14:58:24 I JUST WANTED TO SCORE THAT MY SISTER HAD DEVELOPED MENTAL DISABILITIES, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND BEHAVIORAL ISSUES AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, BUT SHE WAS A REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER. BUT I KNOW THAT A LOT OF POLICY MAKERS AND SOME ADVOCATES SEEM TO THINK THAT THE REGIONAL CENTERS TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN TERMS OF THEIR HOUSING NEEDS.

14:58:53 THAT SOMEHOW THE THREAT OF EVICTION OR HOMELESSNESS DOES NOT EXIST. AND WE JUST NEED TO UNDERSCORE AND REMIND OURSELVES THAT IS NOT TRUE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THE WORKGROUP CAN DO IS HELP DEFINE THE NEED OF HOUSING INSECURITY, THE THREAT OF EVICTION, YOU KNOW, FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS ALL SYSTEMS, AND JUST GOING BACK TO PATTI, WHAT YOU SAID IS THAT HOUSING IS SO FUNDAMENTAL.

14:59:12 IT IS EVERYBODY NEEDS A HOME. AND FROM THERE YOU COULD BRING IN SERVICES. BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A HOME, NONE OF THAT HAPPENS. AND JUST TO REMIND ALSO THAT WE'RE NOT JUST LOOKING AT THE PERSON WITH DISABILITIES. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE FAMILY. IF THE FAMILY FOR INSTANCE IN EARLY START, THERE'S CHILDREN AND INFANTS.

14:59:31 AND IF THEY'RE UNDER THREAT OF EVICTION, THEN THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT WHATEVER EARLY INTERVENTION STEPS THAT WE TAKE. SO WE GOT TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING AND ALSO LASTLY, THE WORKFORCE. WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY. MOST OF THE WORKFORCE ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND ALSO SPREAD ACROSS CALIFORNIA.

14:59:53 AND THEY ARE FACING HOUSING INSECURITIES. AND AGAIN, IF WE DON'T LOOK AT THE HOUSING SECURITY OF THE WORKFORCE, THEN WE'RE GOING TO MISS THE CHALLENGE OF TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE PROPERLY SERVED. SO, THANKS. AND AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS A GREAT DISCUSSION.

15:00:00 >> GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MARTY. NEXT I SEE SYLVIA'S HAND UP.

15:00:15 >> HI. THIS IS SYLVIA YEH, CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, WE ARE LOCATED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY. AND I WANT TO -- I'M VERY EXCITED TO SEE SO MANY GREAT PROJECTS GOING ON.

15:00:48 HOWEVER I DID NOT SEE SECTION 8 HOUSING IN THE LIST. I FEEL LIKE FOR ALL POPULATIONS, SECTION 8 HOUSING VOUCHER IS SO IMPORTANT HOWEVER THE WAITING LIST OR THE LOTTERY, IT JUST BY THE TIME THEY GET IT PROBABLY THEY ARE SENIORS ALREADY. AND I DID NOT SEE THAT IN THE SYSTEM. AND I REALLY WANT TO REALLY EMPHASIZE THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ALSO MOST OF THEM ARE SSI AND SSDI RECIPIENTS ON THAT.

15:01:08 AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT IN THE SYSTEM IF POSSIBLE. AND SECONDLY, I ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A LOT OF CHALLENGES, YOU KNOW, EITHER BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES OR MEDICAL CHALLENGES.

15:01:21 AND THEY'RE STILL LOOKING FOR SUPPORT SERVICES, HOWEVER THE DDS SYSTEM, IT'S REALLY HARD TO SUPPORT THOSE PEOPLE WITH HIGH NEEDS. AND I HOPE TO SEE THAT AS WELL.

15:01:33 AND LASTLY I ALSO WANT TO BEINGCO WHAT MARTY JUST SAID, THE WORKFORCE. THE LIVING COST IS SO HIGH. AND WE ALL KNOW THE INFLATION RIGHT NOW IS JUST OUTRAGEOUS TO IMPACT TO EVERYONE.

15:01:50 OUR STAFF HAD TO HAVE TWO OR THREE JOBS IN ORDER TO KEEP LIVING IN THE BAY AREA AND SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. AND I HOPE THIS CAN CONTINUE TO BE IN THE DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

15:01:58 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND ACTUALLY PATTI I THINK CAN ADDRESS YOUR COMMENT ABOUT SECTION 8.

15:02:16 >> SURE. AND THOSE ARE REALLY GREAT POINTS. AND I THINK EVERY TIME WE START TALKING ABOUT HOUSING AND THEN WE GO TO WORKFORCE AND WE GO TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE SYSTEMS ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER, IT'S A GOOD REMINDER THAT THIS COMMITTEE CAN REALLY HELP BREAK DOWN SOME OF THOSE SILOS.

15:02:33 BUT FOR SECTION 8, THERE IS A HUGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VOUCHERS THAT WERE JUST AWARDED ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND TO CALIFORNIA. CALIFORNIA GOT OVER 10,000 OF THESE EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS.

15:03:04 AND FINDING LANDLORDS TO TAKE THEM, THAT'S VERY HARD. FINDING WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE PROVIDING HOUSING THAT'S ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE A NEED FOR PHYSICAL OR SENSORY OR MOTOR ACCESSIBILITY. SO I THINK WE HAVE SOME PROBLEMS. AND THEN OF COURSE WE CAN LOOK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE BUILD BACK BETTER ACT AND SAY THAT IF THAT PASSED,.

15:03:26 WE WOULD SEE ANOTHER ABOUT 300,000 INDIVIDUALS SERVED WITH SECTION 8 VOUCHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND THERE WOULD BE SOME PRIORITIZING OF THE VERY LOWEST-INCOME FAMILIES AS WELL AS PEOPLE WHO ARE AT IMMINENT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS OR CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND SOME OTHER SELECTED CATEGORIES.

15:03:48 SO YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THAT'S ONE OF THE KEY WAYS TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND WE NEED TO REALLY WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S AVAILABLE, MEANINGFULLY AVAILABLE. AND I DEFER TO SOMEONE ELSE ON THE OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR INTERESTING SET OF DILEMMAS.

15:03:55 >> THANKS, PATTI. THE NEXT HAND UP THAT WE HAVE IS KIM MILLS.

15:04:09 >> THANK YOU, ERIC. HI. MY NAME IS KIMBERLY. MY AGENCY IS CALLED A BETTER LIFE TOGETHER. I AM A PROVIDER WITH THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CENTER. AND I'M JUST EXCITED TO HEAR ALL THE INITIATIVES ON HOUSING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND INDEPENDENT LIVING.

15:04:38 AND IT'S EXCITING TO SEE WHAT'S COMING IN THE FUTURE. BUT IT'S ALSO FRUSTRATING BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME IMMEDIATE NEEDS, NOW DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO GO. I'M TALKING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT A SITUATION THAT I'M DEALING WITH NOW OF A SINGLE MOM WHO WAS IN OUR SUPPORTIVE LIVING PROGRAM, STILL IS, THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO MOVE OUT OF STATE WITH SOME FAMILY, MOVED THERE, DECIDED IT WAS NOT A GOOD SITUATION AND CAME BACK AND IS ESSENTIALLY HOMELESS.

15:05:01 SO WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE REGIONAL CENTER ON WHAT RESOURCES ARE OUT THERE BECAUSE OF COURSE SHE GAVE UP HER APARTMENT AND ALL THAT. AND SHE IS NOW LIVING IN A HOTEL. AND THE RESPONSE WHEN WE WERE ASKING MY AGENCY WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S OUT THERE. YOU HAVE TO CALL 211 TO SEE IF THERE'S A HOMELESS SHELTER. SHE'S NOT APPROPRIATE FOR A HOMELESS SHELTER.

15:05:19 AND IT'S LIKE THERE'S NOTHING OUT THERE. IT'S LIKE THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING SO I'M WRITING NOTES ABOUT ALL THE PROGRAMS AND GOING TO MAKE CALLS AND SEE, HEY, IS THERE THROUGH CAL WORKS IS THERE SOMETHING OUT THERE, IS THERE OTHER PROGRAMS ACROSS WITH CDSS THAT WE CAN, CAN WE NOW TAP INTO.

15:05:45 SO BEING A PART OF THIS COMMITTEE IS AWESOME, BECAUSE I CAN SEE WHERE WE CAN AFTER WE'VE EXHAUSTED ALL RESOURCES THROUGH THE REGIONAL CENTER WE CAN TAP INTO THESE OTHER RESOURCES THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT MAYBE WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT. SO I'M HOPING TO MAKE SOME CALLS TOMORROW AND HOPEFULLY GET SOME RESOURCES. BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME CRITICAL NEEDS NOW.

15:05:55 BUT I'M EXCITED ABOUT ALL THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE COMING IN, THE RESOURCES WE CAN TAP INTO, THE SUPPORT PEOPLE IN OUR SUPPORTIVE LIVING PROGRAM.

15:06:13 >> ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE LISA GONZALES WITH HER HAND UP.

15:06:25 >> HI, THERE. YES. MY NAME IS LISA GONZALES I'M THE SENIOR DIRECTOR. DEAF PLUS ADULTS IN THE ADULT COMMUNITY AND THE ADVOCACY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

15:06:43 AND I'VE SEEN MANY DEAF HOMELESS PEOPLE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND IN THE BAY AREA AS WELL. AND THERE'S JUST SO MANY PROBLEMS IN THESE AREAS. THE I'VE NOTICED THEY REPEAT AGAIN AND AGAIN. AND I FEEL SO THAT SO EASILY THEY ARE GETTING LOST.

15:07:06 THEY APPLY FOR SECTION 8 AND REALLY THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO READ A LOT OF THE FORMS AND APPLICATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR THESE PROGRAMS. AND THEY'RE LOSING

THEIR SECTION 8 VOUCHERS BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH TO BE ABLE TO RENEW EVERY YEAR, EVERY COUPLE YEARS.

15:07:16 THEY RECEIVE LETTERS, UPDATES WITH NEW ADDRESSES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND THEY'RE MISSING OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION.

15:07:32 AND NOT TO MENTION THE LONG QUEUE AND THERE'S A LOT OF LANGUAGE ISSUES AS WELL. AND THERE'S A LOT OF FORMS THAT NEED TO BE DEVELOPED WITH ACCESS, WITH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS, THE VIDEOS INSTEAD OF FORMS.

15:07:51 DEAF PEOPLE APPLY AND THEY REALLY -- THEY WILL BENEFIT SO MUCH MORE WITH THAT ACCESS. THERE ARE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA THAT PROVIDE THAT KIND OF SUPPORT AND SERVICES AND I FEEL LIKE FROM THE TOP WE NEED TO IMPROVE ON LANGUAGE ACCESS NEEDS.

15:08:11 MY SECOND ISSUE IS THAT I WANT TO BRING UP IS MYSELF EVEN BEING DEAF, I PREFER TO BE AROUND OTHER DEAF PEOPLE. LIKE MARTY MENTIONED, THERE'S A HOLISTIC PERSON, A CENTERED APPROACH WHERE THE PERSON CAN APPROACH TO BE AROUND PEOPLE LIKE THEMSELVES.

15:08:33 AND IT'S A SPECIAL -- THERE'S PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF AND DISABLED, OTHER INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, AND WE CAN WORK TOGETHER. AND EVEN HOUSING, IDENTIFY HOUSING WITH DIFFERENT REGIONS THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY DEAF-FRIENDLY OR DEAF FOR LIKE SENIOR CITIZEN AND AGING COMMUNITIES.

15:08:45 THAT'S A VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT THERE'S A LOT OF LONELINESS HAPPENING OUT THERE. AND THERE'S A LOT OF ELDERLY DEAF PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF. AND THEY'RE BEING PLACED IN ENVIRONMENTS WITH NO CULTURE, NO ACCESS TO LANGUAGE.

15:09:02 DAY-TO-DAY. AND IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE THAT ADVOCACY AND IMPROVE THAT SITUATION SO IDENTIFY HOMES THAT CAN PROVIDE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHO CAN HELP THE COMMUNITY, THE DEAF COMMUNITY TO START REFERRING TO FOCUSED TARGETED AREAS AND REGIONS.

15:09:17 SO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT OTHER GROUPS ARE HAVING, ARE DOING AND WHAT -- ALL THE ACTIVITY AND ALL THE ENERGY THAT'S HAPPENING TODAY. SO THANK YOU.

15:09:36 >> YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, LISA. AND IT IS SO CRUCIAL THAT WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY FROM THE DEAF COMMUNITY, BUT ALL DISABILITIES REPRESENTED ON THESE CALLS AND ON OTHER CONVERSATIONS.

15:10:16 BECAUSE AS YOU STATED, THE DEAF COMMUNITY IS UNIQUE IN THAT DEAF PEOPLE WANT TO BE AROUND OTHER DEAF PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE, HAVE COMMUNITY, CONVERSATIONS, AND IT IS IN SOME WAYS DIFFERENT THAN OTHER DISABILITIES. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WHEN WE'RE WORKING ON POLICY, WHETHER IT'S HOUSING OR ANY OTHER POLICY EDUCATION, THAT WE TAKE PEOPLE'S LIVED EXPERIENCE SERIOUSLY, AND THAT IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU'RE HERE, THAT PEOPLE LIKE SHERRY F. ARE HERE SO THAT WE CAN TAKE YOUR EXPERIEN

15:10:29 AND IMPLEMENT THEM IN THE POLICIES THAT WE WORK ON. SO THANK YOU.

15:10:30 >> SURE. THANK YOU.

15:10:33 >> NEXT WE HAVE NINA.

15:11:00 >> SO, GOOD AFTERNOON. REALLY IMPORTANT PRESENTATIONS TODAY. I LEARNED A LOT. SOME OF IT JUST SOLIDIFIED SOME OF MY PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING. I DO WANT TO ASK AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION. RIGHT NOW, PRETTY MUCH ANYWHERE IN THE U.S., SOMEBODY MAKING MINIMUM WAGE CAN BARELY AFFORD OR NOT AFFORD A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT.

15:11:24 I WAS SHOCKED I SOMETIMES PLAY AROUND AND LOOK AT ZILLOW AND HOUSING PLACES IN BAKERSFIELD ARE GOING UP. WHAT KIND OF THINKING OR PROGRAM ARE WE LOOKING AT OR THINKING ABOUT TO HELP INDIVIDUALS, OLDER INDIVIDUALS, SAY, WHO MAY HAVE SOME MILD DISABILITIES OR NONE AT ALL, TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD APARTMENTS BUT THEY'RE NOT LOW-INCOME.

15:11:35 THEY'RE NOT SECTION 8 LOW-INCOME BUT WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE LOW-INCOME AS WE KNOW IS A VERY OUTDATED CONCEPT. THE POVERTY LEVEL IS VERY, VERY, VISIT OUTDATED.

15:11:50 SO I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S BEING DONE IN THAT SPHERE IN TERMS OF REALLY HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE MIDDLE CLASS AND CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES EITHER.

15:11:53 >> CLAIRE OR PATTI, DO YOU HAVE A RESPONSE?

15:12:21 >> I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER. BUT I HAVE A RESPONSE, NINA, WHICH IS THAT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IN CALIFORNIA WE HAVE THE HIGHEST HOUSING WAGE IN THE COUNTRY. FOLLOWED BY HAWAII, MASSACHUSETTS, AND NEW YORK. YOU WOULD HAVE TO EARN \$39.03 AN HOUR TO COVER THE FAIR MARKET RATE RENT OF A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN CALIFORNIA ACROSS THE STATE.

15:12:41 AS WE KNOW THERE ARE AREAS OF CALIFORNIA WHERE IT'S MUCH HIGHER. SO AND WE KNOW THAT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS WHO ARE LIVING ON FIXED INCOMES THAT THE CERTAINLY THE SSI RATE WHICH IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IS CLOSE TO MEETING WHAT YOU WOULD NEED TO PAY FOR RENT.

15:13:02 SO I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER OTHER THAN YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR IN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ONE OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH IS A TARGETED RENTAL SUBSIDY, WHICH WOULD TARGET PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY LOW-INCOME, 20 PERCENT OF THE MEDIAN INCOME IN YOUR REGION.

15:13:20 AND ARE PAYING AT LEAST 60 PERCENT OF THEIR INCOME FOR RENT. WE KNOW THAT ONCE YOU HIT 50 PERCENT, YOU ARE SEVERELY RENTAL COST BURDENED AND THAT MEANS THAT YOU ARE JUST ONE EMERGENCY, UNEXPECTED BILL AWAY FROM BEING EVICTED.

15:13:34 SO IT'S A STOPGAP MEASURE BUT IT'S AN IMPORTANT STOPGAP MEASURE UNLESS AND UNTIL SOMEBODY CAN GET THAT SECTION 8 VOUCHER OR SOME OTHER FORM OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHETHER IT'S PROJECT-BASED OR VOUCHER-BASED.

15:13:52 SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A BIT OF A PATHWAY THAT WE SEE. AND, YOU KNOW, CLAIRE MENTIONED BOTH HOME SAFE AND HDAP, AND THEY ALSO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF EMERGENCY INFUSION OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE. BUT THEY PROVIDE IT TO VERY TARGETED POPULATIONS.

15:14:09 THEY PROVIDE IT TO EITHER SOMEBODY WHO'S IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR SSI OR SOMEBODY WHO IS INVOLVED WITH OR AT RISK OF BEING INVOLVED WITH ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES BECAUSE THEY'RE AT RISK OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

15:14:21 SO THIS IS YOUR INCOME IS WHAT MAKES YOU ELIGIBLE. YOUR INCOME AND BEING A CERTAIN AGE OR WITH A DISABILITY. SO I HOPE THAT'S A POSSIBLE PATH THAT WE COULD SEE PURSUING.

15:14:47 >> AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, THESE ARE ALL PROGRAMS, ARP SUPPORTS. WE HAVE SUBMITTED OUR LETTERS AND SO FORTH. BUT AGAIN, AS MARTY NOTED, FOR SO MANY PEOPLE THAT AREN'T LOW-INCOME BUT ARE STRUGGLING, CERTAINLY WIDER PATHWAYS HOPEFULLY CAN BE EXPLORED. THANK YOU FOR THAT EXPLANATION.

15:15:05 ERIC, I'M GOING TO TAKE NOTE OF THE TIME HERE. I WONDER IF WE MIGHT TAKE A FINAL QUESTION, OPEN IT UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND TALK A SHORT BREAK. AND THEN WE'LL HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT AGAIN AFTER THE NEXT SEGMENT.

15:15:28 >> YEAH. I THINK THAT SOUNDS GREAT. SO THE FINAL QUESTION FROM SHERRY BURNS, I SEE YOUR HAND UP. YOU'RE ON MUTE.

15:15:28 >> HELLO?

15:15:30 >> WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW.

15:16:03 >> YOU CAN. OKAY. I'M HAVING A LITTLE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES HERE. YEAH, JUST IN RELATION TO THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH REGARDS TO BOTH SECTION 8 VOUCHERS AND THE INFLUX THAT WE'LL THANKFULLY BE GETTING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE COMING MONTHS, AND THE IDEA OF SUBSIDIES OR INCENTIVES THAT PERHAPS WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT THAT HAVE BEEN PILOTED THROUGH THE HOME SAFE PROGRAM.

15:16:27 I'M WONDERING IF THERE'S ANY THOUGHT AS TO HOW WE CAN POSSIBLY WORK WITH SOME OF THE LANDLORDS TO INCENTIVIZE THEM TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING SECTION 8 VOUCHERS. THIS IS CONSISTENTLY BEEN A PROBLEM OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS WITH FOLKS THAT ARE BLESSED ENOUGH IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A VOUCHER.

15:16:52 BUT THEY'VE HAD SUCH DIFFICULTY FINDING A LANDLORD TO ACCEPT IT. SOME OF THEM ARE JUST NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE PROGRAM OR THEY'VE HAD BAD EXPERIENCES, NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES IN THE PAST. OR THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOSS OF POTENTIAL RENT REVENUE BECAUSE OF THE LENGTH OF TIME IT CAN TAKE FOR THAT YOU ARE APARTMENT TO BE APPROVED AND THE WHOLE PROCESS.

15:17:09 AND JUST WONDERING IF THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE ALSO TAKING A LOOK AT AS WE'RE TRYING TO EXPAND SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS AND MAKE THEM MORE AVAILABLE TO FOLKS THAT ARE EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME. THANK YOU.

15:17:27 >> ERIC, IF YOU WANT I COULD TAKE A QUICK STAB AT THAT WITH AN EYE ON THE TIME. THAT'S A WHOLE CONVERSATION THAT I'D LOVE TO HAVE. AND IT'S A BIG ONE. FOR THESE EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS THAT ARE BEING ROLLED OUT RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE SOME INCENTIVES THAT EXIST

15:17:58 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OR THE CONTINUUM OF CARE, WHOEVER IS DISPENSING THESE EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS HAS UP TO \$3,000 THAT THEY CAN SPEND ON LANDLORD INCENTIVES. THAT COULD BE GUARANTEEING A CERTAIN AMOUNT ABOVE THE SECURITY DEPOSIT, THAT COULD BE JUST A LUMP SUM PAYMENT AT THE FRONT END TO COMPENSATE FOR THE TIME IT TAKES TO GET THE SUBSIDY, THE APARTMENT APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED AND THE MONEY FLOWING.

15:18:20 AND IT ALSO CAN INCLUDE SOME CASE MANAGEMENT THAT COMES WITH IT TO ASSURE THE LANDLORD THAT THERE'S SOMEBODY THEY CAN CALL IF THERE'S A PROBLEM. THE OTHER THING IS CALIFORNIA HAS PASSED A LAW, AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE, BUT IT IS THERE, THAT SAYS THAT YOU CAN'T DISCRIMINATE BASED ON SOURCE OF INCOME.

15:18:42 AND THAT MEANS THAT SOMEBODY WHO COMES WITH A SECTION 8 VOUCHER, AS LONG AS THAT VOUCHER IS ENOUGH TO PAY THE FULL RENT THAT'S BEING ADVERTISED, SO THAT THE FAIR MARKET RENT IS WHAT'S BEING SET, AS LONG AS THE RENT IS SUFFICIENT, YOU CAN'T, IN THEORY, TURN THAT PERSON AWAY.

15:19:09 SO WE HAVE TO WATCH FOR WORK-AROUNDS THAT LANDLORDS ARE FINDING SUCH AS SAYING WELL IT'S NOT THAT, IT'S YOUR CREDIT REPORT OR SOME OTHER ISSUE. BUT I THINK THAT DOES PROVIDE AN AVENUE TO ASK LANDLORDS TO REALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM IN A MORE MEANINGFUL WAY. AND I THINK THE FACT THAT THESE ARE LONG-TERM SUBSIDIES MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

15:19:22 IF YOU HAVE A LANDLORD WHO KNOWS THAT ONCE THIS PERSON IS IN THEY HAVE AN ONGOING ASSURANCE OF THE RENT, THAT IS A PRETTY NICE LEVEL OF ASSURANCE THAT LANDLORDS GET AS WELL.

15:19:26 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

15:19:34 >> GREAT. THANKS, PATTI. AND I WILL HAND IT OFF OVER TO SUSAN. I KNOW WE'RE ON A TIME CHECK.

15:19:59 >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. THAT WAS EXCELLENT. THANK YOU, PATTI, CLAIRE, MALINDA FOR PRESENTING. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE WE OPEN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS TOPIC, TO MARTY'S POINT ABOUT WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT, WHOLE PERSON AND WHOLE FAMILY, THAT WE ARE JOINED BY SIX DIRECTORS ON THIS CALL.

15:20:21 SO WE HAVE JOE XAVIER, KIM JOHNSON, VIDO, HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE YOUR LAST NAME? MICHELLE BOSS, NANCY BARGMAN AND KIM JOHNSON ARE ALL WITH US ON THIS CALL. SO THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US TODAY AND REPRESENTING YOUR DEPARTMENT.

15:20:38 SO WE NOW WILL TAKE -- LOOKING AT THE CLOCK, WE HAVE -- WE WILL TAKE SEVEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH FEELS VERY, VERY SHORT. BUT WE WILL OPEN IT AGAIN TO PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE WE CLOSE THE MEETING TODAY.

15:20:42 AMANDA, SO WE HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SCREEN.

15:21:00 >> YES. OKAY. SO, FOLKS IF YOU ARE JOINING US BY ZOOM PLEASE GO AHEAD AND ENTER YOUR COMMENT USING THE Q&A FUNCTION. OR YOU CAN PRESS -- YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND AND PRESS STAN WHEN I CALL ON YOU.

15:21:27 SO I'LL START WITH LEAH. WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOUR LINE. AND YOU CAN SHARE YOUR COMMENT. DO WE HAVE LEAH'S PHONE UNMUTED? OKAY. WE'RE WAITING FOR LEAH. HOW ABOUT WE TRY SHELLA?

15:21:30 >> I'M SORRY. I'M UNMUTED.

15:21:31 >> HI.

15:21:54 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M LEAH WITH FAMILY CAREGIVER ALLIANCE. I'M JUST FILLING IN FOR KATHY KELLY WHO WASN'T ABLE TO ATTEND TODAY. AND I WANTED TO JUST ECHO THE COMMENTS BY FIRST OFF BY NINA AND BY MARTY ABOUT ALL THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE SORT OF ABOVE THE POVERTY LINE, THE OFFICIAL POVERTY LINE.

15:22:14 BUT STILL ARE LIVING ON VERY LOW-INCOME. WE'RE HEARING A LOT FROM FAMILY CAREGIVERS WHO ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT FORECLOSURE RIGHT NOW. THEY EITHER LEFT WORK TO CARE FOR SOMEBODY AT THE BEGINNING OF COVID OR THEY ENDED UP BEING LAID OFF.

15:22:25 AND NOW THEY'RE STARTING TO THINK ABOUT WHAT AM I GOING TO DO. AND THEY CAN'T GET BACK INTO THE WORKFORCE FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE, BECAUSE THEY'RE CARING FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR A FRIEND.

15:22:39 WHAT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR THEM IS OFTEN THE CAREGIVER IS UNDER 60, AND THE PERSON THEY'RE CARING FOR IS OVER 60. SO IT'S A BIT OF A MIXED GROUP. AND NONE OF THE PROGRAMS QUITE SERVE THEM STRAIGHT ON.

15:22:52 SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE MENTION OF THAT AND HOPE IT WILL BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION TO RECOGNIZE THAT GROUP AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15:23:08 >> THANK YOU, LEAH. NOW WE CAN GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE SHELA'S LINE, PLEASE. LET'S SEE. THERE WE GO.

15:23:10 >> HI. THIS IS SHELLA.

15:23:12 >> HI. GO AHEAD AND MAKE YOUR COMMENT.

15:23:13 >> CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

15:23:15 >> YES. GO AHEAD.

15:23:33 >> MY NAME IS SHELLA AND I AM THE MOM OF SOMEONE WHO HAS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. I'M ALSO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A NONPROFIT AGENCY IN MY COMMUNITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT FOCUSES ON AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING.

15:23:43 WE WORK WITH ALL SORT OF SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION, BUT MY COMMENTS TODAY ARE GOING TO BE DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY TOWARD PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

15:24:02 AND I AM INCREDIBLY HONORED TO BE HERE WITH YOU GUYS. I ATTENDED THE VERY FIRST OLMSTEAD MEETING IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IT WAS AT THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER, THE STATE'S TECHNOLOGY CENTER GRANT JOHNSON WAS CONVENING.

15:24:15 AND WHAT I'M HEARING TODAY IS HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE WHERE I THOUGHT THE STATE WOULD BE WAY BACK WHEN. THE EVOLUTION IS AMAZING. I'M SO INCREDIBLY PLEASED.

15:24:44 I WAS ALSO PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE, A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE HOUSING NEEDS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHO ARE A LITTLE BIT BEHIND THE CURVE OF OTHER POPULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED MORE ATTENTION AND FUNDING AND ORGANIZATION AND THAT KIND OF THING.

15:24:54 I DO SERVE ON THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TASK FORCE, AND I THINK THAT IF THERE'S A TAKEAWAY ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN WITH THIS POPULATION IT'S TWO MAIN THINGS.

15:25:26 THE FIRST THING IS THAT THE TASK FORCE ESTABLISH THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED A SORT OF DEDICATED STAND ALONE HOUSING WORKGROUP TO ADDRESS THE MANY ISSUES THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPOKEN TODAY HAVE BROUGHT UP EVERYTHING FROM DISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO VOUCHERS AND OTHER KINDS OF RENT SUBSIDIES, ACCESS TO THE STATE'S EXISTING PROGRAMS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED EARLIER.

15:26:07 AND THOSE CAN BE ADDRESSED IN THE WORKGROUP, SO I'M HOPING THAT MAYBE SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THAT. I GUESS THE OTHER THING IS THAT I THINK THAT AT DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, THERE NEEDS TO BE A HIGH-LEVEL PERSON, MAYBE A DEPUTY POSITION OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THAT CAN COORDINATE AND INVESTIGATE THE ISSUES AROUND THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

15:26:27 IT WASN'T BUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO THAT WE EVEN SORT OF GOT COMPLETELY OUT OF INSTITUTIONAL, YOU KNOW, DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS AND THAT KIND OF THING. SO WE'RE JUST REALLY STARTING UP WITH TRYING TO GET PEOPLE SQUARED AWAY IN COMMUNITY WITH THEIR SERVICES AND WITH THEIR HOUSING.

15:26:39 AND I HAVE A LOT MORE TO SAY BUT IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I'LL SIGN OFF NOW, MAYBE COMMENT ON OTHER THINGS A LITTLE BIT LATER. AND THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH.

15:27:07 >> THANK YOU, SHELLA. AND I'LL READ A FEW OF THE COMMENTS WE'VE RECEIVED IN THE Q&A BEFORE WE MOVE ON FOR OUR BREAK. SO CLAUDIA SAID AM LOVING THIS ENTIRE MEETING. I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE LISTENING. I'VE SUBMITTED EVERYONE ABOUT MY FAMILY BEING DISABLED AND BEING OVERWHELMED WITH THE PANDEMIC. MY SON'S DISABILITIES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED, MY DAUGHTER COMING HOME FROM THE UNIVERSITY THEN GOING BACK

15:27:26 AND STILL HAVING MY SON STAYING HOME AND ONE DOING SCHOOL FROM HOME BUT DENIED SO MUCH. I HAVE SUGGESTED A COMPLETE WITH ONE PROVIDER OR TEAM HANDLING THE ENTIRE FAMILY SERVICES.

15:27:35 AND I BELIEVE ACTUALLY THE OTHER ONES HAVE BEEN ANSWERED. SO WE CAN GO AHEAD, SUSAN, IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEAD US INTO BREAK.

15:40:46 >> YES. THANK YOU, AMANDA, FOR JUMPING IN THERE. WE WILL TAKE A BREAK NOW UNTIL 3:40. THREE FOUR ZERO. TEN-MINUTE BREAK. AND WE WILL SEE YOU ALL BACK HERE THEN. THANK YOU.

15:41:01 >> ERIC AND PATTI, I WILL LET THE TWO OF YOU PICK UP FROM HERE. AND WE'LL TRY TO -- WE'LL PICK UP A LITTLE BIT OF TIME AND MAYBE TAKE UNTIL 4:20 WHEN WE CAN OPEN IT UP AGAIN TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

15:41:26 >> THAT SOUNDS GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUSAN. SO I THINK WE HAVE EVERYBODY BACK FROM THE BREAK. NEXT ON OUR AGENDA, WE HAVE PART 2 ENDING OLDER ADULT HOMELESSNESS.

15:41:45 AND WE HAVE A PRESENTATION WITH SOME FOLKS AND SHARON RAPPORT, MEGAN ROSE, ALEXIS AND ALLIE.

15:41:58 >> HI, EVERYBODY. I'M SHARON. AND I'M WITH THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE DID A FEW SLIDES, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THOSE ARE IN THE PRESENTATION. OH, PERFECT. THANK YOU.

15:42:20 SO AGAIN GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. I AM PART OF A COALITION OF ABOUT 20 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAME TOGETHER THANKS TO SOME FUNDING FROM THE STANLEY TRUST. WE CAME TOGETHER AROUND THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING'S GOAL OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS.

15:42:47 AND WE WANTED TO COME UP WITH A LIST OF STATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION TO FURTHER THAT GOAL. THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE CAME UP WITH BETWEEN MARCH AND JULY OR AUGUST OR SO OF THIS YEAR ARE REALLY NOT GOING TO DO THE JOB OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS, BUT THEY ARE INTENDED TO MAKE A HUGE DENT IN ENDING OR SOLVING HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS.

15:43:07 WHICH IS THE FASTEST-GROWING POPULATION OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE TRIED TO PUT TOGETHER ARE INTENDED TO ALLOW OLDER ADULTS TO EITHER REMAIN HOUSED WHERE THEY ARE OR TO ACCESS HOUSING IF THEY'RE HOMELESS OR LIVING IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING.

15:43:21 ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE VERY MUCH PROMOTING INTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY AND INDEPENDENCE. SO LIVING NOT IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING OR LICENSED FACILITY BUT AT HOME INDEPENDENTLY.

15:43:34 AND WITH ME TODAY ARE ALEXIS AND MEGAN. AND SO THEY'RE GOING TO RUN THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO ALEXIS.

15:43:58 >> HI. THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR INVITING US TO SPEAK TODAY. SO THRILLED TO BE WORKING WITH CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ON THIS PROJECT. I'M GOING TO BE SPEAKING BRIEFLY ON SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND CLINICAL SERVICES AND MAKING THOSE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EITHER AT RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS OR COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. ONE OF THE CENTRAL AREA BARRIERS

15:44:11 TO HAVING ESPECIALLY ELDER INDIVIDUALS RESIDE LONG-TERM IN THE COMMUNITY IS ACCESS TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO DO THAT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS INTENDED TO FILL THIS NICHE, INTENDED TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE THAT LEVEL OF NEED.

15:44:19 BUT IN PRACTICE THAT CAN REALLY BE CHALLENGING TO ACCESS FOR FOLKS WHO EITHER UNSTABLY HOUSED OR COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS.

15:44:35 SO THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN TERMS OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IS AROUND USE OF THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER, HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES WAIVER AND PACE TO SERVE THESE PARTICULAR POPULATIONS.

15:44:59 WE MADE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS IN TERMS OF PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN SERVING INDIVIDUALS COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS AND HAVE MADE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND RATE STRUCTURE THAT MIGHT INCENTIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES TO REALLY REACH OUT AND ENGAGE MORE ACTIVELY IN SERVING PEOPLE COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS.

15:45:20 SO JUST AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL, WE'RE SUGGESTING THAT HOMELESSNESS BE PRIORITIZING CATEGORY OR CRITERIA FOR PEOPLE WHO APPLY FOR ONE OF THESE PROGRAMS IF THERE'S A WAIT LIST WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT IF SOMEBODY COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS IS PRIORITIZED, WE'RE LOOKING AT WAYS THAT ENROLLMENT CAN BE EXPEDITED.

15:45:33 OFTENTIMES IT'S A PRACTICAL BARRIER IF IT TAKES A LONG TIME FOR SOMEBODY TO BECOME ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM AND THEY'RE UNSTABLY HOUSED IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO CONNECT THEM WITH SERVICES SO LOOKING AT WAYS THAT WE CAN SPEED THAT PROCESS UP.

15:45:51 AND THEN AGAIN LOOKING AT RECOGNIZING HOMELESSNESS AS A COMPONENT OF THE RATE STRUCTURE WITHIN THESE PROGRAMS. IT OFTENTIMES DOES REQUIRE A MORE INTENSATIVE SERVICE SET TO STABILIZE INDIVIDUALS COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS KNOWING THEY'RE BOTH MEDICALLY AND SOCIALLY VULNERABLE.

15:46:10 SO I WOULD SAY BIGGER PICTURE THE FOCUS HERE IS REALLY TO PROMOTE INTEGRATED HEALTH AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS SO THAT WE CAN STABILIZE PEOPLE IN THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF CHOICE, THAT PEOPLE AREN'T FORCED INTO RECEIVING CARE IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING IF THAT'S NOT WHERE THEY PREFER TO RESIDE.

15:46:21 SO WITH THAT I WILL GO AHEAD AND TURN IT OVER TO MEGAN TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE HOUSING COMPONENTS OR THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'RE PROPOSING.

15:46:43 >> THANK YOU, ALEXIS. YEAH. AND I HAVE TO ECHO WHAT ALEXIS SAID. PART OF WHAT WE ARE DOING IS LOOKING AT THESE OUR HCBS WAIVERS AND PACE AND HOW CAN WE AS A STATE BETTER ALIGN THEM WITH HOUSING. WE KNOW THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A COMMON INDEPENDENT LIVING SETTING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE EXITING HOMELESSNESS.

15:47:06 AND SO IN SOME WAYS IT CAN BE VERY SIMPLE, FOR INSTANCE, THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER, YOU KNOW, AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS ARE AN APPLICABLE SETTING FOR THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER BUT WE HAVE NOT REALLY SEEMED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BEST UTILIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER TOGETHER.

15:47:31 SO IF WE COULD BETTER ALIGN OUR HOUSING PRIORITIES WITH OUR HEALTHCARE PRIORITIES, FOR INSTANCE, YOU KNOW, IDENTIFYING HOUSING PROJECTS AND HOUSING FUNDING BEFORE THE HOUSING GETS BUILT, BECAUSE IT'S REALLY HARD ONCE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY IS BUILT TO SAY, OKAY, WE'VE ALREADY LEASED UP ALL HUNDRED UNITS BUT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO SET ASIDE TEN FOR THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER.

15:47:51 IT'S HARD TO PULL THOSE UNITS OUT ONCE THEY'VE BEEN OCCUPIED. SO GETTING TO THOSE DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE THE UNITS ARE OCCUPIED TO SAY, OKAY, LET'S SET ASIDE TEN COMMUNITIES, 20 UNITS FOR THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER AND ALSO LOOKING AT HOW DO WE ENTICE HOUSERS TO WANT TO SET ASIDE THESE UNITS.

15:48:11 BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IN THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER WE'RE SEEING THE STATE REQUIRING A LOT OF THOSE PARTICIPANTS, A LOT OF THOSE SLOTS TO BE OCCUPIED BY PEOPLE COMING OUT OF SKILLED NURSING AHEAD OF THE CONGREGATE CARE SETTING SO HOW DO WE ENTICE HOUSERS TO WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND MAYBE THAT LOOKS LIKE LOOKING AT THAT RATIO.

15:48:20 MAYBE TELLING THE HOUSERS THAT, YES, 40 PERCENT OF THESE UNITS CAN BE OCCUPIED BY PEOPLE TRANSITIONING OUT OF YOUR UNITS BY YOUR TENANTS.

15:48:30 SO BASICALLY JUST WE ARE REALLY LOOKING AT HOW TO BETTER ALIGN HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE IN SOME PRETTY SIMPLE WAYS.

15:48:41 SO THE OTHER TWO RECOMMENDATIONS REALLY QUICKLY, ONE I THINK THE GROUP WILL BE INTERESTED IN IS WE ARE RECOMMENDING A TARGETED RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM.

15:49:04 SO WE KNOW THAT HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA IS EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE. I THINK THE AVERAGE MARKET RATE OF A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT IS SOMETHING LIKE \$1,600 A MONTH. AND WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT SOMEONE THAT'S MAYBE LIVING ON SSI AT A LITTLE OVER \$900 A MONTH WE ARE GOING TO SEE AN INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY AMONG OLDER ADULTS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SEEING.

15:49:13 SO WE THAT TARGETED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HELP AND THEY REALLY DO HELP KEEP PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS AND HELP BRING PEOPLE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS.

15:49:30 SO OUR RECOMMENDATION IS TO CREATE A STATE GRANT PROGRAM TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE A MEMBER THAT IS 50 YEARS OR OLDER AND AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

15:49:56 AND SO I THINK LISTENING TO SOME OF THE CONVERSATION THAT WAS HAPPENING BEFORE THIS, IT WOULD HELP IN A LOT OF THOSE SITUATIONS, YOU KNOW, THIS COULD BE A PROGRAM THAT HELPS INCENTIVIZE LANDLORDS TO HOUSE LOW-INCOME TENANTS MAYBE SECTION 8 RECIPIENTS. IT COULD HELP PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WHERE MAYBE A CAREGIVER HAS TAKEN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM WORK DURING COVID.

15:50:18 AND IS HELPING CARE FOR AN OLDER ADULT. SO THAT IS ONE OF OUR BIG RECOMMENDATIONS IS THIS TARGETED RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM. AND THEN THE OTHER IS TO INCREASE THE SSP. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF EFFORTS STATEWIDE TO DO THIS SO WE'RE KIND OF EVALUATING THOSE EFFORTS NOW AND HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT THEM. SO THANK YOU.

15:50:21 I DON'T KNOW, SHARON, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO CLOSE US OUT.

15:50:41 >> NO. THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. AND JUST AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS IF PEOPLE HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS THAT WE CAN ANSWER. THANK YOU FOR ASKING US TO BE HERE TODAY. YEAH, PSARAH.

15:50:59 >> YEAH, JUST ONE THING. THANK YOU FOR THAT. GREAT PRESENTATION. I WANTED TO JUST ADD ONE ELEMENT TO THAT. I'M THINKING ABOUT AN ISSUE THAT RECOMMENDATION THAT CAME UP A LOT IN THE LTSS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING PROCESS, WHICH IS THINKING ABOUT HOUSING ABSOLUTELY HUGE NEED.

15:51:17 AND I THINK EVERYBODY AGREES THAT ALL THESE PROPOSALS ARE REALLY STRONG. ONE THING THAT I THINK COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH IT IS KIND OF A FUND THAT CAN BE USED TO ADDRESS EMERGING NEEDS THAT PEOPLE HAVE IN THEIR HOME OR AS THEY'RE TRANSITIONING OUT OF AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING.

15:51:44 YOU KNOW, PROVIDING ONE-TIME NEEDS LIKE GETTING A MICROWAVE OR REFRIGERATOR IF IT BROKE OR SOME -- A NEW HEATER. SO THAT CONCEPT OF KIND OF A COMMUNITY LIVING FUND, I KNOW IT WAS INCLUDED IN THE FIRST VERSION OF THE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES SPENDING PLAN BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE A GREAT SUPPLEMENT TO THESE SORT OF HOUSING PROPOSALS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION.

15:51:50 >> THANK YOU. ROBERT.

15:52:04 >> OKAY. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYBODY MY NAME IS ROBERT TAYLOR, THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DISABILITY AND AGING COMMUNITY LIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

15:52:30 AND ALSO THE TABLE OF CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LAKE COUNTY IHSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CHAIRPERSON. AND I AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS THAT THERE HAS TO BE AN INCREASE OF SSP, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY PAYMENTS. WE NEED TO HAVE THEM NOT ONLY TO GET THE HOUSING THAT WE REALLY NEED LIKE GETTING OUR RENTS PAID AND ALL THAT,.

15:52:40 BUT WE ALSO DEFINITELY NEED FOR OUR NECESSITIES, SO PLEASE KEEP THAT FIGHT TO GET THE INCREASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY PAYMENT. IT'S REALLY NEEDED FOR ALL OF US.

15:53:02 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. I THINK WE ALL AGREE WITH YOU COMPLETELY. WE HAVE SEEN SOME RESEARCH RECENTLY FROM SAN DIEGO THAT IF OLDER ADULTS JUST HAD \$300 A MONTH ADDITIONAL THAT A LOT OF THE OLDER ADULTS WHO HAVE BEEN FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS WOULD BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES.

15:53:16 SO THE SSP COULD BE A BIG HELP JUST TO ALLOW THOSE OLDER ADULTS TO REMAIN STABLY HOUSED. WE DO AGREE THAT THAT'S A CRITICAL PIECE OF THIS GOAL.

15:53:18 >> OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

15:53:39 >> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THAT WE CAN ANSWER ABOUT OUR PROPOSALS? JANEY.

15:53:55 >> THIS IS JANEY WHITEFORD FROM SANTA CLARA COUNTY. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF SICA CALIFORNIA IHSS CONSUMER ALLIANCE. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE PIGGYBACK ON WHAT PSARAH SAID ABOUT INCIDENTAL EXPENSES FOLKS MIGHT HAVE.

15:54:08 I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE WOULD HAVE FUNDING FOR ADAPTATIONS FOR FOLKS THAT WHEN THEY GO INTO THESE HOUSING SITUATIONS THAT THERE'S MONEY AVAILABLE FOR RAMPS, FOR ANYTHING LIKE THAT THAT'S NECESSARY.

15:54:37 I KNOW THE SAME THING HAPPENS WITH SECTION 8 HOUSING. A LOT OF TIMES LANDLORDS DO NOT WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY ON ANY OF THESE ISSUES. AND IF THERE WAS MONEY THERE, AND WE COULD CONVINCE THE LANDLORDS IT'S NOT GOING TO TRASH THEIR HOUSE, THAT THIS WOULD BE A HUGE HELP GETTING HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT NEED ADAPTATIONS. THANK YOU.

15:55:00 >> THE HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES WAIVER PROGRAM DOES ALLOW FOR A ONE-TIME \$5,000 FUND FOR PEOPLE TO PURSUE HOME MODIFICATIONS SO JUST AS RAMPS OR CHAIRS OR WHATEVER MAY BE NECESSARY, ADJUSTING DOORWAYS. SO WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT BY IMPROVING ACCESS TO THAT SET OF PROGRAM SERVICES THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT PIECE AS WELL. THE HOME MODIFICATIONS PIECE.

15:55:16 SO IT'S REALLY A GOOD POINT. IT IS OFTENTIMES A BARRIER FOR PEOPLE.

15:55:50 >> ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? WELL, AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING US TO BRIEFLY RUN THROUGH OUR LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS. WE DO HAVE A DOCUMENT THAT INCLUDES THE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE WORKING ON PUTTING A LOT OF DETAILS INTO THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WE HOPE TO PURSUE THEM OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO.

15:55:57 SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING MANY MORE CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY OF YOU ON THIS CALL. THANK YOU.

15:56:08 >> GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL OF YOU. REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR INSIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

15:56:11 >> THANK YOU.

15:56:22 >> SO I BELIEVE NEXT ON OUR AGENDA WE HAVE ALLIE AND KELCI GIVING A PRESENTATION AS WELL.

15:56:38 >> YEAH. THANKS SO MUCH, ERIC. HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ALLIE CANNING TON, SOME OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOUR FACES AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW IT'S WONDERFUL TO MEET YOU.

15:56:55 I AM -- I'LL DO A BRIEF IMAGE DESCRIPTION. I'M A WHITE QUEER PERSON WEARING AVIATOR GLASSES WITH A GRAY SWEATER AND A COLLARED SHIRT WITH SOME PIERCINGS ON ANY NOSE AND LIP AND A BLURRED BACKGROUND.

15:57:09 AND SO I COME TO YOU AS A DISABLED CALIFORNIAN LIVING IN OAKLAND WHO IS THE MANAGER OF ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING AT AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE KELSEY.

15:57:37 AND ON THE FIRST SLIDE YOU'LL SEE THAT THERE IS AN IMAGE OF YOU CAN ACTUALLY KEEP IT ON THE FIRST SLIDE, IMAGE OF ONE OF OUR FUTURE BUILDINGS WILL LOOK LIKE. AND AT THE KELSEY, WE PIONEER DISABILITY FORWARD HOUSING SOLUTIONS THAT OPEN DOORS TO MORE HOMES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE. AND BEFORE TODAY I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR WORK AT THE KELSEY.

15:58:10 AND THEN WHAT WE THINK ABOUT IS TERMS OF SOME POLICY FRAMEWORKS THAT WE USE TO THINK ABOUT BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL INTERVENTIONS THAT WILL CREATE MORE HOMES FOR EVERYONE. BUT WHEN I TALK ABOUT DISABILITY FORWARD HOUSING, I WANT TO DEFINE THAT FOR A MOMENT AND FOR US AT THE KELSEY THAT MEANS TO CENTER ON THE PERSPECTIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE MULL POLITICIZE MARGINALIZED PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

15:58:32 AND THE RECOGNITION THAT DESIGNING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE. AND DISABILITY FORWARD HOUSING SOLUTIONS RECOGNIZE THAT DISABILITY IS OFTEN AN IDENTITY FOR FOLKS AND THAT DISABILITY IS VALUABLE AND IS WORTHY OF BEING VISIBLE AND CREATE SPACES WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL IDENTITIES ARE SEEN, WELCOMED AND SUPPORTED.

15:58:45 AND WE'RE REALLY EXCITED AT THE KELSEY TO SPEARHEAD THESE HOUSING SOLUTIONS THAT ADVANCE INCLUSION AND CREATE ACCESS NOT TO SOLVE OR DILUTE DISABILITY BUT TO INCLUDE AND EMBRACE IT.

15:59:10 AND SO WE DO THIS, YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE THROUGH OUR THEORY OF CHANGE, WHICH IS THERE'S AN IMAGE ON THIS SLIDE THAT IS A DIAGRAM SHOWING THAT WE ARE A DUAL-MISSION ORGANIZATION. WE BOTH BUILD COMMUNITIES ON THE GROUND, SO WE BUILD AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITHIN AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES.

15:59:25 AND WHILE DOING THAT WE'RE CHANGING SYSTEMS AND ENGAGING IN POLICY CHANGE WORK TO CREATE THE MARKET AND POLICY CONDITIONS SO THAT AFFORDABLE ACCESSIBLE INCLUSIVE INTEGRATED HOUSING CAN BECOME THE NORM.

15:59:58 AND WE DO THIS AGAIN THROUGH POLICY WORK, THROUGH BUILDING COMMUNITIES ON THE GROUND AND THEN BY SUPPORTING AND AN INCREASE OF LEADERSHIP OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE HOUSING FIELD ACROSS FINANCE DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY ADVOCACY AND AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S CO-LED BY PEOPLE WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS FOREMOST CRITICAL THAT THESE SOLUTIONS WILL NOT BE CREATED WITHOUT HAVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AS CO-LEADERS,.

16:00:15 COCREATORS OF THESE SOLUTIONS AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH DISABILITIES WHO HAVE -- WHO EXPERIENCE OTHER FORMS OF OPPRESSION AND, YEAH, SO EXCITED TO SHARE BRIEFLY ABOUT A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR HOUSING WORK ON THE GROUND. BUT THEN SHIFTING MORE TO CHANGING SYSTEMS.

16:00:52 YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE HAS THREE IMAGES OF RENDERINGS WHICH AGAIN IS OUR HOUSING ISN'T BUILT YET. BUT OF THE FUTURE BUILDINGS, AND WE HAVE 240 HOMES IN OUR PIPELINE. WE'RE REALLY PROUD TO BE THE FIRST INVESTMENT OUT OF GOOGLE'S AFFORDABLE

HOUSING FUND AS WELL AS HAVING STATE, LOCAL, SOME PARTNERS ON THIS CALL, AND FEDERAL PARTNERS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT ARE SUPPORTING THIS WORK.

16:01:25 TO BECOME A REALITY. SO WE HAVE AYER STATION IN SAN JOSE, 115 HOMES, 30 PERCENT OF THE UNITS PRICED AT \$500 A MONTH AND THAT WILL BE BECOMING INTO CONSTRUCTION THIS YEAR HOPEFULLY AND THEN THE CIVIC CENTER WHICH IS GOING TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO, WHICH AGAIN WILL BE A MIXED AFFORDABLE RANGING FROM PEOPLE WHO RELY ON SSI AS THEIR SOLE SOURCE OF INCOME ALL THE WAY UP TO MODERATE INCOME AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.

16:01:47 AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE OUR INCLUSIVE PARTNER PROPERTIES, WHERE WE'RE PARTICULARLY MODELING PRACTICING ON THE GROUND OUR INCLUSION CONCIERGE SERVICES WHICH IS A PART OF OUR HOUSING MODEL THAT WE ARE EXCITED TO BE PILOTING AS WE SPEAK.

16:02:23 AND SO AS WE SHIFT IN TO WHAT WE TALK ABOUT AS THESE UNFUNDED POLICY MANDATES, I WANT TO ALSO ANCHOR IN WHAT WE THINK ABOUT AT THE KELSEY AS THE TRIANGLE OF COMMUNITY LIVING. AND I'M PREACHING TO THE CHOIR. Y'ALL KNOW THIS BUT WE CAN'T HAVE COMMUNITY HOUSING AND SUPPORT AND SERVICES, THEY'RE ALL DEEPLY CONNECTED BUT IT TAKES PARTICULARLY DISTINCT SOLUTIONS TO MAKE ALL OF THESE POSSIBLE.

16:02:40 SO WE NEED HOUSING THAT IS ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE ACROSS A RANGE OF INCOMES AND MEETS PERSONAL PREFERENCES. WE ALSO NEED SEPARATE BUT LINKED SUPPORTS AND SERVICES INCLUDING MEDICAL SERVICES, AND HOME SUPPORTS AND THERAPIES DESIGNED TO MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

16:02:55 AND THEN OF COURSE WE WITHOUT BOTH OF THOSE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WE ALSO NEED COMMUNITY WHICH IS ABOUT CREATING CONNECTIONS, HAVING AN ACTIVE LIFE IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME.

16:03:16 AND SO AS WE THINK ABOUT THE TRIANGLE OF COMMUNITY LIVING AND WHAT THE KELSEY IS REALLY PRACTICING ON THE GROUND WITH AN ARRAY OF INCREDIBLE PARTNERS, WE'RE REALIZING THAT THERE ARE UNFUNDED POLICY MANDATES FOR HOUSING AND PARTICULARLY FOR HCBS RECIPIENTS THAT I'M EXCITED TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL TODAY.

16:03:40 THIS IS NOTHING NEW, BUT I'M HOPEFUL THAT, AND WE FOUND AT THE KELSEY IT'S BEEN REALLY HELPFUL TO SPEARHEAD DIFFERENT POLICY INTERVENTIONS THAT WE BELIEVE ARE NECESSARY BOTH ON THE HOUSING AND SERVICES TO CREATE THE HOUSING. THERE'S JUST SUCH A HIGH NEED. AND WE DIDN'T EVEN GO INTO THOSE STATISTICS TODAY.

16:04:11 BUT YOU ALL KNOW THROUGH YOUR OWN LIVES AND THROUGH THE PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT. SO WHAT DOES HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES HAVE TO DO WITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT? SO IF YOU WANT TO GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WE HAVE AN ARRAY OF TOOLS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET FOR US, INCLUDING THE STATEWIDE TRANSITION PLAN, THE HCBS SETTINGS RULE AND OF COURSE THE SUPREME COURT DECISION OF OLMSTEAD,

16:04:38 WHICH PROTECTS OUR RIGHTS AS DISABLED PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF AGE. SO WHEN I'M TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TODAY I MEANT TO SAY THIS FROM THE BEGINNING BUT I'M ALSO INCLUDING PEOPLE OLDER ADULTS WHO ALSO HAVE DISABILITIES, THAT WE AS PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES HAVE THE PROTECTED RIGHT TO LIVE IN OUR OWN HOMES AND RECEIVE THE SERVICES THAT WE NEED IN THOSE HOMES IN OUR COMMUNITIES OF CHOICE.

16:04:52 AND ACTUALLY IN THE STATEWIDE TRANSITION PLAN FOR CALIFORNIA WHICH HAS A DEADLINE OF 2023, THERE IS AN EXPLICIT CALL-OUT OF A NEED FOR INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

16:05:28 AND THESE ARE ALL TOOLS FOR US. YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AND DESPITE HAVING THESE POSITIONAL MANDATES, THE HISTORICALLY MAINSTREAM HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE HASN'T NECESSARILY CONSIDERED THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, BECAUSE HISTORICALLY THE HOUSING THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MAJORITY HAD WERE COVERED IN CONGREGATE STATE-RUN INSTITUTIONS, FACILITIES, INCLUDING A LOT OF DIFFERENT CONGREGATE.

16:05:59 AND INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS. AND SO AS A LOT OF THOSE CLOSED DOWN WE STILL SEE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF ALL AGES STILL BEING INSTITUTIONALIZED TODAY. BUT AS A LOT OF THEM CLOSED DOWN, THERE WAS NEVER THE INVESTMENT FROM THE MAINSTREAM HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE TO INVEST IN THE HOUSING THAT DISABLED PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE.

16:06:32 AND SO YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AND SO, YOU KNOW, HOW DO WE BUILD HOUSING AND I WANT TO SAY ALSO THAT AND I KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS TODAY. BUT AT THE KELSEY THROUGH A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, WE REALLY HAVE IDENTIFIED THAT THE HOUSING INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED WHEN IT COMES TO MEETING UNMET NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES,.

16:06:47 IT'S REALLY LOOKING AT PEOPLE WHO ARE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF ANY OF ADULTS AND OF ANY AGE WHO ARE EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME AND WHO NEED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN ORDER TO THRIVE IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND COMMUNITIES.

16:07:01 AND SO, YOU KNOW, AS I SAID, WE HAVE STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES THAT GIVE US IN WRITING THAT WE NEED THE INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE.

16:07:29 SO I'M NOT GOING TO READ ALL OF THIS TO YOU NOW. IT'S IN YOUR DECK. BUT THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. BUT I REALLY WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL SOME OF THE SHORT MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM GOALS THAT WE SEE AT THE KELSEY AS CRITICAL TO INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE ACCESSIBLE, INTEGRATED HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

16:08:04 IT STARTS WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW WITH THE BUILD BACK BETTER PACKAGE AND THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT THE STATE LEVEL LIKE THE SUPER NOFA THAT IS COMING OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENSURING THAT ANY TYPE OF FUNDING THAT IS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT COMES INTO THE STATE, THE STATE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO THROUGH THESE POLICY MANDATES THROUGH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S.

16:08:39 MORE UNITS, MORE HOMES FOR PEOPLE WHO USE HCBS SO HOW DO WE THINK ABOUT THAT AT THE SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM? AND HOW DO WE ALIGN NOT JUST AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS BUT THINGS LIKE OUR TAX CREDIT SYSTEMS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL TO ALSO INCENTIVIZE DEVELOPERS TO ENSURE THAT THE HOUSING THAT THEY'RE BUILDING IS INCLUSIVE,

AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO NEED HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

16:09:07 SO YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. I'M NOT SURE WHAT MY TIME IS. I'M PROBABLY ALMOST OVER IT. BUT I JUST WANTED TO SHARE BROADLY SOME AFFORDABILITY GOALS THAT WE THINK ARE CRITICAL. THERE NEEDS TO BE AN INCREASED ALIGNMENT ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AROUND THE HOUSING NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO USE HCBS.

16:09:32 WE ALSO -- THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED THE QAP, THE QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN THAT EVERY STATE HAS TO IMPLEMENT IN ORDER REGARDING TAX CREDITS AND THERE'S ALL OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE EXPLICIT DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. AND THEN WE ALSO NEED TO INCREASE FEDERAL SUBSIDIES FOR HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

16:09:40 INCLUDING INCREASED INVESTMENTS LIKE THE 811 PROGRAM WHICH WE SEE AN INCREASE IN IN BUILD BACK BETTER. YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE.

16:10:10 ACCESSIBILITY. SO IMPROVE AND EXPAND ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO MEET CROSS-DISABILITY ACCESS NEEDS WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING PROJECT FEASIBILITY AND OVERALL COST, AND THIS CAN START BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADOPTING THE TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEES INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS THAT WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY SO MANY ADVOCATES ON THIS CALL.

16:10:42 AND THIS IS AT THE STATE LEVEL. AND THEN ALSO EXPLORING WAYS TO PROVIDE COSTA COME DAYS AGOS AND/OR FUNDING INCENTIVES FOR PROJECTS TO MEET ADVANCED ACCESSIBILITY GOALS. AND THEN LASTLY, IF YOU WANT TO GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PEOPLE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE NEED FOR THOSE TRANSITION-RELATED FUNDS. WE NEEDED OF COURSE AN INCREASE INVESTMENT IN THE HCBS INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC LINE ITEM.

16:11:03 THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WORD. BUT HOUSING-RELATED SERVICES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE ACCESSING HCBS AND WHO NEED TO FIND AND RETAIN THEIR HOUSING. AND THEN ALSO FUNDING ONGOING RESIDENT SERVICES, INCLUSION SUPPORTS AND OTHER HOUSING SUPPORTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO LIVE IN FORDABLE HOUSING.

16:11:31 AND LASTLY I WANT TO INVITE ALL OF YOU, THE KELSEY CONVENES A CALIFORNIA DISABILITY INCLUSIVE HOUSING WORKING GROUP. I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO SOME OF YOU ON THE LINE WHO HAVE JOINED US AS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER. WE MEET EVERY OTHER MONTH AND THE GOAL IS TO BUILD GREATER COHERENCE AND ALIGNMENT ACROSS DISABILITY RIGHTS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY.

16:12:03 AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US. WE HAVE OUR NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY. BUT YOU CAN REACH OUT TO ME ANY TIME, AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE HOW THE EFFORTS THAT YOU ARE ALL ARE DOING AT DACLAC, THAT WE CAN ALL JUST BE SUPPORTING EACH OTHER'S WORK AND PULLING ON THE LEVERS THAT ARE NECESSARY SO THAT BOTH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND OLDER ADULTS ARE PROTECTED FROM DISCRIMINATION, THAT IF THEY'RE LIVING IN HOUSING.

16:12:27 IF THEY'RE ABLE TO STAY IN THAT HOUSING THAT IS OF THEIR CHOICE AND WE ALSO JUST STRAIGHT UP NEED MORE HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, INCLUSIVE AND INTEGRATED. SO EXCITED TO HOPEFULLY HAVE THIS BE JUST THE BEGINNING. AND MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS ON THE NEXT SLIDE.

16:12:28 >> WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16:12:34 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16:13:08 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALLIE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION. I KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET TO A QUESTION AND ANSWER PORTION, BUT RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN THE DISCUSSION PORTION. SO IF PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS THAT THEY WANT TO DIRECT TO EITHER OF THE LAST TWO PRESENTATIONS OR ON THIS TOPIC KIND OF GENERALLY WHERE SOME OF THE EXPERTS CAN GIVE THEIR PERSPECTIVES, I THINK THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO DO SO.

16:13:39 AND I KNOW OUR TIME IS LIMITED. SO IF FOLKS DO HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR MAKE A COMMENT IN THE CHAT OR QUESTION AND ANSWER.

16:13:46 DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? GABRIEL.

16:14:15 >> YEAH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THOSE PRESENTATIONS. THOSE WERE EXCELLENT. SOMEONE SAID WE'RE PREACHING TO THE CHOIR WITH A LOT OF THIS STUFF. AND I AGREE. ALL OF US WERE NOT EVEN, AND WE AGREE WITH A LOT OF THESE INITIATIVES. I WONDER HOW MUCH WORK IS BEING DONE AT THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LEVEL AT THE COUNTIES TO KIND OF PUSH SOME OF THESE IDEAS TO THE BROADER POPULATION.

16:14:28 WE'RE TRYING TO DO THAT AT THE REGIONAL CENTER LEVEL. AND I'M WONDERING, ALLIE, IS THAT PART OF YOUR WORK TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND TRY TO ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?

16:14:55 >> YEAH, GREAT QUESTION, GABRIEL. I THINK -- SO, YOU KNOW, THERE'S CRITICAL DECISIONS THAT CAN CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, INTEGRATED, INCLUSIVE FOR PEOPLE WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES. AND THERE'S WAYS OF ENGAGEMENT AT ALL LEVELS.

16:15:17 AND A LOT OF, LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE STATE RIGHT NOW THAT ARE ENGAGED IN THEIR HOUSING ELEMENT PROCESS. AND THERE'S AN EXPLICIT LINE ITEM IN EXPLICIT REQUIREMENT THAT THE HOUSING ELEMENT HAS TO INCLUDE PARTICULAR PLAN FOR HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

16:15:40 AND SO THAT'S JUST ONE OF MANY EXAMPLES. AND I THINK AT THE KELSEY, WE SEE THAT THERE IS A GAP IN DISABLED LEADERS AND OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE AT THE TABLE IN THESE AFFORDABLE HOUSING -- WHEN THESE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DECISIONS ARE MADE.

16:16:00 SO REALLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN KIND OF BUILDING OUT THE FIELD. AND THERE ARE AMAZING TOOLS ALREADY OUT THERE TO SUPPORT ADVOCATES ON THE GROUND AT THESE DIFFERENT LEVELS, WHETHER IT'S SUPER HYPERLOCAL OR THEY WANT TO ENGAGE AT THEIR STATE OR FEDERAL.

16:16:41 >> THANKS, GABRIEL, AND THANKS, ALLIE FOR ANSWERING THAT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER HANDS RAISED RIGHT NOW. IF I'M MISSING ANYTHING IN THE CHAT, PLEASE LET

ME KNOW. ALL RIGHT. I THINK THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS FOR RIGHT NOW. AND I THINK PATTI AND SUSAN, YOU ALL ARE NEXT ON THE AGENDA.

16:16:59 >> YES. I THINK THIS IS WHEN WE WOULD OPEN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IF ANYONE WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE LAST TWO PRESENTATIONS AND ANYTHING THAT THEY HEARD OR IF SOMEBODY WAS SHORT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR SESSION

16:17:20 AND WE HAVE ON THE SCREEN IF YOU'RE JOINING BY ZOOM. Q&A FUNCTION TO ASK A QUESTION OR CLICK THE RAISE STAR 9 ON YOUR DIAL PAD.

16:17:30 >> I SEE SHELLA HAS ANOTHER COMMENT IF WE COULD UNMUTE SHELLA, PLEASE. ARE YOU ABLE TO SPEAK?

16:18:01 >> HI. HOW YOU DOING? SO, LISTEN, I ACTUALLY HAD A QUESTION FROM THE PRESENTATION FOR THE COALITION FOR SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS. AND REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS, USE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER, HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES WAIVER AND MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF HOUSING SERVICES.

16:18:35 BUT I WAS WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT THAT WOULD ALSO TARGET INDIVIDUALS ON THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVERS. SINCE, YOU KNOW, I GUESS INDIVIDUALS OVER 50, SINCE THE PEOPLE ON THOSE WAIVERS OR AT LEAST ON THE BIG WAIVER ARE, YOU KNOW, DEEMED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION WITHOUT HAVING RECEIVED THOSE SERVICES.

16:19:04 >> ALEXIS, DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT? AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THESE WERE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF OLDER ADULT HOMELESSNESS. WE CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THAT THAT IS NOT THE ONLY GROUP EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. BUT MAYBE ALLIE, YOU COULD -- I'M SORRY, ALEXIS, YOU COULD TALK ABOUT THE WAYS IN WHICH THE WAIVERS WOULD WORK.

16:19:12 >> OR IF THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED.

16:19:22 >> CAN ALEXIS BE UNMUTED.

16:19:29 >> I HEARD THE QUESTION. I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER. [LAUGHS].

16:19:34 >> OKAY. THANK YOU. MAYBE THAT COULD BE FOLLOWED UP ON AT LEAST.

16:19:48 >> YEAH. I THINK -- I DON'T SEE ALEXIS ON THE LIST ANYMORE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND THOSE QUESTIONS OVER TO THE INBOX WE CAN SEND THEM TO THE CORRECT PERSON WHO CAN.

16:19:56 >> I SENT THEM TO THE Q&A SINCE I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE CHAT.

16:20:02 >> THAT'S FINE. THAT'S APPROPRIATE. JUST FEEL FREE TO E-MAIL US AT THE ENGAGE INBOX WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

16:20:04 >> GOT IT. THANK YOU.

16:20:40 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. LET'S SEE. IS THERE ANY -- DO WE HAVE ANY HANDS RAISED? NO. OKAY. I CAN JUST READ A COUPLE OF THE COMMENTS WE'VE RECEIVED IN THE Q&A. LET'S SEE. IF -- LET'S SEE, HERE. I WANT TO FIND ONE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO IMPROVE THE CALIFORNIA

BUILDING CODE TO ENSURE ROLL-IN SHOWERS ARE REQUIRED FOR NEW APARTMENT CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATED APARTMENTS? THANK YOU, CONNIE.

16:21:10 UM. LET'S SEE, HERE. I NEED COMMENTS, PLEASE. ACTUALLY THAT IS IT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. UNLESS I'M MISSING SOMETHING. AND THEN WE HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION COMING UP.

16:21:38 >> I WONDER IF YOU COULD ADDRESS NOT SO MUCH THE STATE BUILDING CODE WITH REGARD TO ROLL-IN SHOWERS BUT THE WORK THAT YOU AND MANY ADVOCATES AND DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA DID BEFORE THE TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE AND HOW THAT WILL AT LEAST CHANGE PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

16:21:41 >> YEAH, SURE, PATTI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16:21:41 >> YES.

16:22:14 >> OKAY. GREAT. SO, YEAH, SO FOR JUST SO EVERYONE KNOWS AND I'M HAPPY TO SHARE OUT LINKS, BUT BECAUSE OF DECADES OF ADVOCACY, WE GOT AN INCREASE OF ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY HOUSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT RECEIVES A PARTICULAR TYPE OF TAX CREDIT, STATE TAX CREDITS.

16:22:57 AND IT IS AN INCREASE -- I DON'T HAVE THIS IN FRONT OF ME, BUT I BELIEVE IT IS -- IS IT 10 PERCENT OF UNITS. I BELIEVE THERE'S A 10, 15 PERCENT REQUIREMENTS OF MORE UNITS THAT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO BE FOR MOBILITY-RELATED DISABILITIES AND THEN THE OTHER WHICH WILL BE FOR SENSORY AND VISION-RELATED DISABILITIES.

16:23:22 AND I WILL JUST SAY THAT AT THE KELSEY WE WILL THIS UNIQUE ROLL WHERE WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR AN INCREASE OF ACCESSIBILITY ACROSS THE BOARD AND WE ALSO HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF ON THE GROUND FIGURING OUT ALL THE FINANCING FOR HOW THIS TYPE OF HOUSING CAN REALLY BE BUILT ON THE GROUND.

16:23:48 AND WE REALIZE THAT, YOU KNOW, THERE'S -- AS WE CONTINUE TO INCREASE REQUIREMENTS, WHICH EVEN THE INCREASE OF REQUIREMENTS AT THE STATE LEVEL NOW AND ALSO AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL IN NO WAY REFLECT THE ACTUAL POPULATION THAT NEED THE UNITS.

16:24:15 BUT HOW DO WE INCENTIVIZE DEVELOPERS TO GO BEYOND THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU CREATE MORE ACCESSIBILITY FROM THE BEGINNING YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO CREATE A MORE THRIVING COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE WHO LIVES THERE INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND OLDER ADULTS WHO WILL WANT TO -- AND ALL RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO AGE IN PLACE AND WHOSE NEEDS WILL CHANGE.

16:24:33 SO HOW DO WE BOTH A CARROT AND STICKS APPROACH FOR ACCESSIBILITY, YOU KNOW, INCREASING THE STANDARD OF HOW WE HAVE ACCESSIBLE HOUSING ACROSS OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES.

16:24:40 >> AND I'M PUTTING IN THE CHAT, AND I WOULDN'T HAVE REMEMBERED IT EITHER, BUT I JUST LOOKED AT MY NOTES.

16:24:41 >> THANK YOU.

16:25:04 >> [LAUGHS] THAT THE TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE BASED ON REALLY OVERWHELMING TESTIMONY AND SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE FROM STAKEHOLDERS, THEY WERE GOING TO ACTUALLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT, THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY IN UNITS.

16:25:19 AND INSTEAD THEY INCREASED IT FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT CONSTRUCTION FROM 10 TO 15 PERCENT FOR MOBILITY DISABILITIES FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND FROM 4 TO 10 PERCENT FOR SENSORY OR COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES.

16:25:20 SO THAT'S.

16:26:08 AND THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ARE ADDRESSED IN ENSURING ANY HOUSING THAT IS BEING BUILT WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE RECEIVING THOSE SPECIFIC TAX CREDITS ARE FOLLOWING THIS NEW PERCENTAGE OF REQUIREMENTS.

16:26:10 AND THEN GOING BEYOND. THANK YOU.

16:26:30 >> THANKS, SALLY. THIS OF COURSE ALIGNS REALLY WELL WITH THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING GOAL OF BEING ALLOWED TO PLACE IN PLACE, IN AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE AGE FRIENDLY, DEMENTIA FRIENDLY HOUSING.

16:26:59 SO IT'S ALL SORT OF A WAY FOR I THINK AS ALLIE FOR UNDERSTANDING DISABILITY AS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT TIMES IN THEIR LIVES, ALSO, AND AS PEOPLE AGE, THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BENEFIT FROM THOSE ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS THAT ARE BEING BUILT INTO BUILDINGS SO THAT THEY CAN AGE IN PLACE.

16:27:28 SO I AM NOT SEEING ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. THANK YOU, ALLIE, FOR THAT BRILLIANT PRESENTATION. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I THINK IT INSPIRED A LOT OF US TO THINK MORE BOLDLY ABOUT HOW WE APPROACH THESE PROBLEMS AND REALLY ADVANCE COMMUNITY LIVING IN THE BEST SENSE OF THE WORD.

16:27:38 SO NOW I THINK THAT WAS THE LAST -- WAS THAT THE LAST PUBLIC COMMENT HERE? OR IS IT NOW -- NOW IS THE PUBLIC. EXCUSE ME.

16:27:42 >> I CAN SHARE ONE MORE PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE CHAT.

16:27:43 >> THANK YOU.

16:28:08 >> JAMES SAYS FOR THE SESSION ON OLDER ADULT HOMELESSNESS, LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS ARE, ALSO, AT-RISK FOR HOUSING LOSS AND HOMELESSNESS AND WORKAROUND TAX DEFERMENT, EDUCATION AROUND LOAN SKAMS AND STRICTER AROUND FORECLOSURE PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED.

16:28:12 >> THANK YOU.

16:28:15 >> THANK YOU. THAT WAS A WRITTEN COMMENT?

16:28:42 >> YES. MICHELLE MENTIONED THAT HOUSING IS A REALLY COMPLEX SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS THAT NAVIGATING IS VERY DIFFICULT. WITHOUT CONTINUED SUPPORT, PEOPLE LOSE OUT ON NEEDED SERVICES, CONTINUED LONG-TERM, NOT JUST ONE TIME. IT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN AS A WHOLE PERSON LIFELONG. THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC COMMENTS.

16:28:54 >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THAT. I SEE WE HAVE OUR RAISED HAND FROM SHEILA. DO YOU WANT TO UNMUTE AND WE CAN --

16:28:58 >> I THINK, SHEILA, IT'S UP FROM HER PREVIOUS QUESTION.

16:29:47 >> OH, OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE HAVE? I THINK WE CAN... GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, GOING THREE TIMES, WE CAN CONCLUDE THE PUBLIC COMMENT. SORRY. THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT. SHERI FERENA.

16:29:50 >> HI, EVERYONE. HELLO!

16:29:52 >> HI THERE.

16:30:29 >> I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT RELATED TO HOUSING ISSUES OR THE HOUSING TOPIC. BECAUSE OFTEN PEOPLE TALK ABOUT HOUSING WHEN DEAF PEOPLE BECOME SICK. THE HOUSING SITUATION, THERE IS NO PLACE FOR THEM TO GO UNLESS THEY ARE BEING TRANSITIONED TO THE HOSPITAL AND THEN AFTER CARE WITH REHABILITATION. AND THEN TO A NURSING HOME.

16:31:07 SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT FOR THE NURSING HOME CARE SPECIFICALLY THAT THERE ARE MANY THAT REFUSE TO PROVIDE SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS. THEY ABSOLUTELY REFUSE. SO WE HAVE TO USE -- THEY SAY USE A COMMUNICATION WHITE BOARD. WELL, THAT'S NOT SUFFICIENT FOR A DEAF PERSON TO COMMUNICATE AND THEN A PERSON WHO IS DEAF CANNOT EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE.

16:31:35 SO MANY TIMES IF THE HOSPITAL SOMETIMES WILL USE THESE AS VIDEO REMOTE INTERPRETING AND THAT'S NOT EXACTLY IDEAL WITH THE PERSON WHO IS VERY ILL TRYING TO LOOK AT A COMPUTER SCREEN. SO THERE ARE VARIOUS SITUATIONS THAT GO ON LIKE THAT. SO COMMUNICATION IS WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE SELF AND THE PERSON WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE EXPERT IS NOT PROVIDING THAT COMMUNICATION TO THE PERSON THAT IS REQUIRING IT.

16:32:14 AND THEY WON'T PROVIDE INTERPRETERS BECAUSE THEY ONLY THINK ABOUT THE COST AS OPPOSED TO THE PERSON'S LIFE. SO BASICALLY WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS ATTITUDE BARRIERS, AND ACCOMMODATION BARRIERS, RIGHT, FOR DEAF PEOPLE. SO ALL OF THOSE AREAS THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT. TRYING TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A WAY TO OVERCOME THOSE BARRIERS BECAUSE IT IS CONSISTENT AND RECURRING OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT'S HORRIBLE WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING.

16:32:19 SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN FIND A WAY TO ADDRESS THAT AT SOME POINT WITHIN OUR DISCUSSIONS. THANK YOU.

16:32:52 >> THANK YOU FOR THAT COMMENT AND THANK YOU FOR LIFTING UP THAT SORT OF PERSISTANT AND SYSTEMIC PROBLEM AND I THINK WHAT IS, ALSO, INTERESTING IS THE WAY IN WHICH YOU ARE CONNECTING IT TO HOUSING BECAUSE COMMUNICATION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF BEING ABLE TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN HOUSING AND, ALSO, AS YOU MENTIONED IN THE HOUSING SETTING SO IMPORTANT TO GETTING THE CARE THAT YOU NEED

16:33:15 AND HAVING YOUR WISHES KNOWN. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE NOT REALLY, YOU KNOW, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE LAW WOULD PROVIDE FOR ACCESS TO AN INTERPRETER BUT THAT IT'S

ACTUALLY OPERATIONALIZING THAT AND CHANGING ATTITUDES THAT IS THE PROBLEM. IS THAT --
HAVE I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY?

16:33:26 >> YES, THAT IS CORRECT, YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY. YES.

16:33:27 >> THANK YOU.

16:32:57 You know you understand that the law would provide for access to an interpreter but that it's actually operationalize that and changing attitudes that is the problem is, is that if I understood you correctly.

16:33:29 >> THANK YOU FOR THAT COMMENT.

16:33:38 >> ARE THERE ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THIS TIME?

16:33:21 Yes, that's correct you have understood correctly. Yes. Okay. Thank you.

16:33:26 Thank you for that comment.

16:33:29 And are there any other public comments at this time,

16:33:38 we can move on Patty and we have another comment period at the end as well. Right, okay.

16:33:46 Um, for some reason my, my agenda has disappeared.

16:33:51 So if you could call out the next item on the agenda that would be great.

16:33:58 We now have joining us. Debbie toast with choice in aging. He's going to share some updates on transportation.

16:34:06 Debbie Are you here as here.

16:34:12 Hi before I even launch I just want to thank Sherry This year has been a real deep learning experience for me about how we interact and how we do better with the deaf community and death with a capital D, and thank you for elevating all of that, we have

16:34:31 much learning to do in that area so Hi everybody.

16:34:35 I loved co chair Eric's, and then alleys modeling so I'm going to try it out.

16:34:42 My name is Debbie told them with choice and aging and I'm joining you from my home office so you see background that looks like I have a beautiful desk and lamp and printer and really it's just a facade This is like an exercise room and a stand up table

16:34:57 with a blanket on it, and I am sitting on my exercise ball I have a red sweater on and mostly salty colored hair.

16:35:06 It's dirty as well and that's why it's up on top of my head and above. So the last time I presented to this group of amazing humans I was expressing 20 years of pent up frustration with the inaccessible transportation status quo, and the culminating moment

16:35:23 being the entire body of work presented from the master plan stakeholder Advisory Committee related to accessible transportation being completely gutted in the cabinet level work group process.

16:35:36 It was the very ableism and ageism we've seen actualize daily in a process that was built to deconstruct these isms.

16:35:47 But I believe this was the watershed moment, the moment where what seemed like a complete nail in the coffin became the poster child for change. We were able to use this story to illustrate locally how vital it is that we do better in Contra Costa County,

16:36:05 it appears our battle for funding is becoming a reality.

16:36:08 We're using a local safety net sales tax measure to fund the implementation of a local accessible strategic plan for transportation. We're at the implementation Task Force stage with funding lined up, what something I never believed would happen.

16:36:27 Honestly, I don't know why I kept fighting but I did, because I saw three decades of studies, sitting on shelves. So this watershed moment also let us to working with the California Senior Legislature to create the legislation, supporting the recommendations

16:36:42 that were actually got it and blessedly. The CSL the California Senior Legislature selected this as a legislative priority. So, the legislation is very straightforward it proposes improving existing legislation that came about in 1979 that created something

16:37:01 called consolidated Transportation Services Agency, the purpose of a CTA was to improve the quality of transportation services to older California, and those with disabilities, while achieving cost savings, lowering insurance premiums, fostering more

16:37:18 cost effective vehicle operations and efficient use of various revenue streams. While this is a phenomenal concept without a dedicated funding stream, there has been limited deployment of successful CTS things, those are consolidated transportation services

16:37:33 Agency. This new legislation that we're working on with the California Senior Legislature dedicates funding to CTE essays and updates the statute with current best practices, think single point of entry mobility management volunteer drivers demand response

16:37:51 rides, same day services, and the list goes on.

16:37:55 That was just to get you a little bit excited so that you can see that things are finally moving. And better yet, you can be a part of shaping what accessible transit looks like for all.

16:38:06 We would like to invite anyone who cares about accessible transportation and it should be each and every one of you to to join us with a small work group and doing some activities that are very short nature to help us get ready for the next meeting of

16:38:23 Dec lack. So we're like what we saw today, with all the right people from all the right places to present and to hear about the housing needs and the lay of the land there.

16:38:33 We want to create that same thing for transportation and it's going to take more than this girl to do that so we are looking for people who can or are, who can represent or who are from rural areas disability aging folks who drive adaptive vehicles paratransit

16:38:52 writes the whole continuum of transportation options. So, it's a short term commitment, it'll be two to three months, or two to three meetings in December in January to prepare us for our deck lack meeting where we're going to focus on transportation

16:39:06 extravaganza So, are you in Do you know someone who's in. If so, either raise your hand, put your name in the chat or in the q amp a I'm sorry I don't know all the proper mechanisms on this.

16:39:22 And if you are not able to do that you can email Amanda Lawrence and Amanda Lawrence I think she'll put it in the q amp a or the chat, but I think it is.

16:39:32 Amanda dot Lauren said aging.ca.gov Am I wrong.

16:39:38 That sounds right.

16:39:40 All right, I got it all in five minutes or less.

16:39:46 So that was really great. Debbie and it's really important that we get this transportation piece moving and I think the link between housing and transportation hasn't really been mentioned but when we talk about transit oriented development that's, that's

16:40:02 what we're talking about, and certainly having that as the link between housing, health care, recreation, amenities is so important.

16:40:15 So, do people if anybody wants to put their name in the chat or the q amp a will find it either way to be part of this short lived but very vibrant. Transportation Committee.

16:40:30 That will then be presenting in two to three months, you can do that now and if for some reason you miss that opportunity you can, as you as Debbie said, email, Amanda Lyons who will forward that to Debbie.

16:40:44 And so that's really great.

16:40:48 I think before we open it up for comments we have a short amount of time now for an open discussion by all committee members on emerging issues and opportunities in community living with a focus on equity, housing, transportation employment.

16:41:10 Emergency Services digital divide behavioral health or popcorn it and you name it. So, this is a moment, got about,

16:41:23 about 10 minutes I would say to open that up for topics.

16:41:28 And then we'll take some public comment before we close.

16:41:32 So open discussion.

16:41:43 People getting tired.

16:41:45 I see Marty has his hand up. Thank you I'm not seeing hands so thank you for the help, they're very. Thank you, Erica Excuse me.

16:41:57 Thank you for that Eric and actually I just want to do a shout out to all the people on, you know, Pat, all of you for facilitating this this is really a well done, meeting and and and with really compelling topics and you kept it moving.

16:42:11 And also appreciate carrying on chemical waste you know commitment to always, always, allowing for and making sure we allow for public comment that she was always great about doing that.

16:42:22 So, you know, appreciate all that, Marty moto CT can tell me remember I just want to underscore again, the need for the ad hoc or temporary work group that will focus in on housing and, and how we can move forward on that.

16:42:37 And maybe it's not an ad hoc group because housing will always be an issue that will be with us. And the other thing is, as we're looking at housing and I appreciate the comments that Sherry and others have made because there's so many pieces that we

16:42:51 need to think about is that any solution that we've come up with for housing whether it was for my sister when she was alive, or others. It's never going to be permanent that particular solution and so we have to think that way, because sometimes we think

16:43:05 that we come up with a solution for housing for an individual we think that okay they're done.

16:43:25 And then we got to look at the population coming up behind you know the people that we're currently serving, and then you know what are their needs, and, you know, and all that.

16:43:30 Lastly, to follow up on with Gabriel was saying, you know, he was mentioning about lobbying or advocating with the local government on housing issues and I think we have to do that, do that, but also do that with managed care plans as Cal aim is moving

16:43:44 forward to really get the state to work with us as partners to push you know the managed care plans and local governments to really be partners with us on this issue of housing and how can how can we bring you know the funding and the resources you know

16:44:03 to individuals, looking at the whole person. And that's really hard because we got to get out of the system siloed thing, and look at the whole person and you know the steps and Kaleem are pretty amazing, but we really got to push that it applies to everyone.

16:44:18 And again, thank you for, you know, the way you've done this meeting today, and and a shout out to Debbie tough because man.

16:44:27 Sign up for Debbie touch work group.

16:44:33 Thank you, Marty and those are great comments and I think the the reminder that as Cali rolls out looking at how the managed care organizations are going to

16:44:46 incorporate housing supports understanding that housing is health, and that it's the key social determinants of health, and that if we have a managed care organization making decisions about who gets housing supports and who does not we want to really

16:45:03 keep an eye on those in lieu of services, housing supports in better done in the best way to them to make sure they're available to everyone. I see Nina has her hands up.

16:45:20 unmuted myself.

16:45:27 And thank you to everybody for advocacy and your creative thinking, I'm definitely interested in the proposal Debbie was talking about that was absolutely a major piece of the area to recommend stakeholder recommendations that were not included at on

16:45:47 the master plan so w Can you send me whatever you have, so I could share that with my colleagues.

16:45:53 Yes. Will do.

16:45:57 Yeah, really fabulous presentation.

16:46:35 >> I THINK WE CAN MOVE ON, AND WE HAVE ANOTHER COMMENT PERIOD AT THE END AS WELL.

16:46:41 NOW I THINK WE CAN OPEN IT UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

16:46:54 IT CAN BE BOTH ON THE TRANSPORTATION UPDATE, BUT IT CAN, ALSO, BE ON ANY OF THE TOPICS IN COMMUNITY LIVING. THIS IS OUR OPEN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION TIME.

16:47:16 >> THANK YOU, WE HAVE A FEW COMMENTS. I WANT TO REMIND FOLKS THAT PUBLIC COMMENT IS FOR DISCUSSION AND IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU CAN@AGING AT CA.GOV ADDRESS AND WE WILL ADDRESS IT TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT.

16:47:32 WE HAVE ONE LIVE CALLER. I WILL GO AHEAD AND ASK THAT NANCY UNMUTE CONNIE ARNOLD. CONNIE.

16:47:33 >> CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16:47:34 >> YES.

16:47:35 >> YES.

16:48:00 >> SO YOU HAVE GONE OVER A LOT OF TOPICS TODAY WITH HOUSING BEING ONE OF THE FIRST ONES AND TRANSPORTATION THE SECOND, BUT WITH ALL OF THESE THINGS, WITHOUT HAVING CARE PROVIDERS AND BACK UP CARE PROVIDERS WHEN SOMEBODY DOESN'T -- CALLS IN FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO OR AN HOUR BEFORE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO COME, FOR WHATEVER REASON, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO

16:48:38 TO ENSURE PEOPLE HAVE BACK-UP PROVIDERS AND SERVICES FOR IHSS PROVIDERS AND [OFF MIC] AND SLS SYSTEMS THROUGH THE DDS. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ADDRESS THAT? OR ARE YOU JUST GOING TO SAY THE ONLY OPTION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IS IN THAT SITUATION IS ASSISTED SUICIDE BECAUSE WE ARE ALL EMPLOYERS, QUOTE UNQUOTE, LEFT HIGH AND DRIED AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO RECRUIT PROVIDERS, WORKFORCE

16:48:46 FOR PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY HAVE COMPETENT PEOPLE TO PROVIDE CARE [OFF MIC].

16:48:49 >> WE ARE LOSING YOU, CONNIE.

16:48:51 >> DID YOU GET THAT?

16:48:57 >> WE GOT ALL BUT THE VERY END, THE VERY LAST END.

16:49:08 >> WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO CREATE A WORKFORCE OF CARE PROVIDERS FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING WITHOUT CARE CURRENTLY IN THE HSS SYSTEM.

16:49:09 >> YEAH.

16:49:17 >> WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A CARE PROVIDER THAT CALLS AT THE LAST MINUTE TO SAY THEY CAN'T COME.

16:49:44 >> YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED SOME REALLY IMPORTANT AREAS. I WAS NOT AT THE LAST MEETING BUT I KNOW IT REALLY FOCUSED ON LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AND TRYING TO BUILD BETTER CAPACITY THROUGH THE HCBS SPENDING PLAN, THE INCREASED FUNDING THAT IS COMING TO CALIFORNIA THAT WILL HOPEFULLY CREATE A BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE, BOTH OF EMERGENCY BACK-UP, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT.

16:50:12 AND, ALSO, TO BETTER COMPENSATE THE WORKFORCE, BETTER TRAIN THE WORKFORCE, AND CREATE SOME INCENTIVES TO BUILD THE CAPACITY. I THINK THAT THOSE ARE REALLY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND IT JUST SORT OF DRIVES HOME, I THINK, MARTY AND OTHERS' POINTS THAT YOU CAN'T LOOK AT ONE PIECE WITHOUT THE OTHER, THAT THE HOUSING, THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, THE TRANSPORTATION, THE HEALTHCARE, IT ALL HAS TO BE INTEGRATED.

16:50:36 IT HAS TO BE ACCESSIBLE AND IT HAS TO BE PERSON-CENTERED. I THINK WE KNOW WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO THERE, AND THAT'S HOPEFULLY THE ROLE OF THIS COMMITTEE THAT CAN BE TO ELEVATE THOSE ISSUES THAT ARE PREVENTING TRULY AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY LIVING IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

16:50:44 AND SO THANK YOU FOR SORT OF LINKING IT BACK TO THE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE QUESTION. IT'S IMPORTANT.

16:51:02 >> THANK YOU, PATTI, THIS THE KIM JOHNSON AND I JUST WANTED TO, ALSO, LIFT UP CLAIRE'S COMMENTS IN THE CHAT AND THANK CONNIE TO RAISE HER ISSUES. WE ARE GLAD TO CONTINUE TO UPDATE THIS COMMITTEE ON THE EFFORT AND WORK. SO APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS.

16:51:34 >> THANK YOU, KIM. THANK YOU. AND THERE IS, ALSO, I THINK THE ENGAGE WEBSITE IS, ALSO, A PLACE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AS WELL. LET'S SEE. I THINK WE HAVE -- OH, MARTI IS JUST SAYING MAGGY YELLING WOULD LOVE THE FOCUS ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION AND LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AND THE APPROACH OF THE WHOLE PERSON THAT IS PERSON-CENTERED AND LINKED TO PERSON-CENTERED OUTCOMES.

16:52:16 SO I THINK WE HAVE A QUORUM ON THAT. [LAUGHTER] SO THAT'S GREAT. WELL, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR STAYING SO ENGAGED AND RAISING UP REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUES AS WE LOOK AT HOUSING THAT SO MANY PEOPLE FACE DUE TO THE UNAFFORDABILITY OF HOUSING AND THE LACK OF ACCESSIBLE HOUSING.

16:52:41 WE ARE MAKING GREAT STRIDES IN PRODUCING HOUSING AND YET WE HAVE A BACKLOG OF, YOU KNOW, INSUFFICIENT HOUSING PRODUCTION THAT WE ARE TRYING TO OVERCOME AND I THINK

AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON CREATING LOTS OF NEW HOUSING AND LOTS OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR HOUSING, YOUR INPUT AND YOUR LENS IS SO IMPORTANT.

16:52:53 I HAVE LEARNED A LOT THIS FIRST MEETING OF MINE AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE REALLY SMART AND PASSIONATE COMMITTED COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED.

16:53:00 AND I THINK AT THIS POINT I AM GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO SUSAN AND LET HER CLOSEOUT OUR MEETING.

16:53:08 >> THANK YOU, PATTI. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ERIC, DID YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING THOUGHTS THAT YOU WANTED TO SHARE BEFORE I WRAP US UP?

16:53:33 >> YEAH, I WILL BE RELATIVELY QUICK. I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO FIRST ATTENDED AND THANK BOTH SUSAN AND PATTI FOR THIS BEING YOUR GUYS' FIRST MEETING. I THINK THAT THIS WENT VERY SMOOTHLY, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR WORK IN TERMS OF PREPARATION AND PUTTING THE AGENDA TOGETHER.

16:54:04 AND, OF COURSE, EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED. AND EARLIER IN THE -- THERE IS TWO THINGS THAT I WANT TO MENTION. ONE THAT I HOPE THAT WE CAN STAY, ALL STAY IN ENGAGED. I KNOW THERE ARE OTHER ADVOCATES WHO ARE NOT ON THESE CALLS WHO WILL STAY ENGAGED THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS AND POLICY PROCESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS WE MOVE PAST THE HOLIDAYS AND KIND OF INTO JANUARY NEXT YEAR, GETTING READY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.

16:54:42 AND MAKING SURE THAT THE DISABILITY AND AGING PERSPECTIVE IS HEARD BY THOSE WHO ARE MAKING SOME OF THESE DECISIONS. SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT PART OF IT. THE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO JUST QUICKLY MENTION. I KNOW IT WAS SAID IN THE CHAT EARLIER BUT MARTY, I WANTED TO KIND OF SECOND WHAT HE WAS SAYING. HE GAVE A SHOUT OUT TO TWO PEOPLE WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY, TWO ADVOCATES IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY.

16:55:20 WHO I AM SURE MANY OF US HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH OVER THE YEARS. THEY'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY FOR THE AGING COMMUNITY, AND ERIC GELBER MARYLAN, WHO INDIVIDUALS FOR WHO DECADES WHO PUT INTO SO MUCH EFFORT AND TIME TO MAKE SURE THE DISABILITY VOICES WERE HEARD AND POLICY AND BUDGET AND ALL OF THESE SYSTEMS. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I LIFTED UP BOTH OF THEM AND

16:55:29 GIVE KIND OF THEM A SHOUT OUT AS WE CLOSEOUT OUR MEETING. SO THANK YOU ALL AND I WILL HAND IT BACK OVER TO SUSAN.

16:55:56 >> THANK YOU, ERIC. SO I FIRST WANT TO THANK ERIC AND PATTI. THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB FACILITATING TODAY AND, ALSO, PRESENTING BUT THEY, ALSO, SPENT A LOT OF TIME BETWEEN MEETINGS CONSTRICTING THE AGENDA, IDENTIFYING SPEAKERS AND IT'S TO THEIR CREDIT THAT TODAY WAS SUCH AN EXCELLENT AND INFORMATIVE MEETING. SO THANK YOU BOTH FOR CREATING THIS AGENDA TODAY AND ALL OF YOUR PREP WORK.

16:56:21 AND FOLLOW-UP. YOU WILL HAVE FOLLOW-UP, TOO. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR PRESENTERS, DARCY, AL LLIE, CLAIRE, PATTY, SHARON AND ALEXIS AND TO THE SIX DIRECTORS WHO JOINED US THROUGH BITTER END WHO ARE STILL ON THE CALL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING WITH US. AND TO OUR TWO INTERPRETERS, JESSE AND CAROL, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

16:56:42 AND OUR CLOSED CAPTIONER, AMANDA, WHO HAS BEEN TROUBLESHOOTING, WE HAD SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT I HOPE ARE INVISIBLE TO ALL OF YOU, MARIA WHO RUNS THE SHOW HAS BEEN LOCKED OUT SO AMANDA STEPPED IN AND THANK YOU, AMANDA AND NANCY.